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Happy New Year

## TUC PLAN REJECTED BY WALKER

### Scargill 'boasts' are blamed

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

THE team of union leaders monitoring the miners' strike yesterday put suggestions to the Government for a return-to-work formula, but found Ministers determined not to give way on the central issue of the Coal Board's right to close uneconomic pits.

The Energy Minister, Mr Walker, refused to consider reopening negotiations with the miners while their president, Mr Arthur Scargill, "boasts at every rally" that he will not move from his position on pit closures.

Mr Scargill's demand was impossible to meet, said Mr Walker, and "so long as that demand is there then there can be no settlement."

The meeting, which was also attended by the Employment Minister, Mr King, ended after 90 minutes.

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, who headed a delegation of six senior union leaders, commented later: "I am bound to say it is disappointing."

The Coal Board and the miners' union were not represented at the TUC-inspired talks which were intended to take place before the end of the year.

"There has never been a leader of the NUM in history who has demanded that every uneconomic pit should be kept going until exhaustion."

"This is a new demand, an impossible demand, and one must say in all fairness that so long as that demand is there then there is no settlement."

The Government was not out to appear "mean or frosty or vicious," but if just did not see much point in having further talks as things stood.

The Coal Board had always been prepared to discuss the future of the Plan for Coal, but it would be "misleading" to suggest that there was ever any possibility of Mr Scargill's pit closure proposals being written in.

The TUC team at the talks was: Mr Willis; Mr David Bassett (General, Municipal and Boilermakers Union); Mr Ray Buckton (ASLEF); Mr Jack Eccles (TUC chairman); Mr Ross Evans (Transport Workers); Mr Bill Keys (Sogat 82); and Mr Gerry Russell (AUEW).

Other pit news—P2:

### 7,314 FACE PIT STRIKE CHARGES

By Our Political Staff

A total of 7,314 people have been charged with criminal offences in connection with the miners' strike in the nine months since it began, Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State, Home Office, said yesterday.

There have been 9,422 charges and 5,905 cases brought to court. All but 863 of them resulted in convictions.

Among the charges were 15 of arson, 29 of burglary, 137 of riot, three involving explosives and three of threats to kill.

return on such a basis.

### Ford peace formula may end £200m strike

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

HOPES of an end to a strike by 270 sewing machinists which has halted all Ford car production rose last night.

The company and its trade union leaders reached a peace formula which will be put to leaders of the 270 machinists on Monday.

More than 10,000 Ford workers have been laid off without pay at Halewood, Merseyside, Dagenham in East London, and Southampton because of the four-week strike.

The machinists, who have been trying to get their weekly offer, will raise their weekly pay by £6.67 to £144.64.

### UNION ROBBED

Austin Rover shop stewards were robbed of more than £4,000 yesterday by three coloured men who burst into Longbridge Club and Institute, Birmingham, as the stewards were paying out money to some men.

Neither side would disclose

### Scargill must pay £1,000

By JAMES O'BRIEN  
**MR ARTHUR SCARGILL**, fined £250 with £750 costs yesterday for obstruction while picketing, said last night he would not appeal "because in this political climate I have no faith in getting a fair trial."

Speaking at a magistrates' meeting in Grimsby, Yorkshire, Mr Scargill claimed he had been a victim of a "travesty of justice."

His lawyers had "strongly advised" him to appeal, but he had "no faith in the courts."

He went on: "My barrister argued a case today that would have ensured not only the Great Train Robbers would be freed, but they would have got another extra £1 million."

"When he finished the case I was on my feet cheering. Even the hacks from Fleet Street were betting 10-1 we would win."

#### Two charges

In court at Rotherham, Mr Scargill pleaded not guilty to two charges of obstruction outside the Orgreave coke plant, South Yorkshire, in May.

He was given 28 days to pay.

Mr William Probert, one of the special stipendiary magistrates appointed in mining areas to deal with offences arising from the pit dispute told him: "In my judgment, your actions on that particular morning demonstrated a very poor example to those you seek to lead."

Mr Roger Keen, counsel for the police, said Mr Scargill had refused to move on when asked by Chief Supt John Niblett and had told the group he was leading to "stand firm."

Mr Michael Mansfield, defending, told the court that Mr Scargill and others leading the NUM strike had not received any income since last February.

"He is not in a position to deal with heavy fines and costs in this case."

### LONDON POLY INQUIRY CHIEF

By Our Education Staff

The special inquiry into the running of North London Polytechnic, ordered by Inner London Education Authority, is to be led by Miss Sheila Browne, principal of Newham Senior Chief Inspector, H.M. Inspectorate.

After the early retirement last week of Dr David MacDowell, the polytechnic's director, the I.L.E.A. said an inquiry was necessary because there were "grounds for concern" about the polytechnic's management and organisation.

Court order on cash—P2

### BUCKS FIZZ MAN STILL CRITICAL

Attempts were continuing last night to "talk" Mike Nolan, 30, the Bucks Fizz singer, out of a deep coma with hundreds of well-wishing messages from friends and celebrities.

He is critically ill on a life support machine in Newcastle upon Tyne General Hospital after being hurled through the windscreen of the group's coach in a crash on Tuesday.

**£25,000 ARMY SILVER STOLEN**

By Our Crime Staff

Military silverware worth £25,000 to £100,000 has been stolen from the Royal Greenjackets Club in Davies Street, Mayfair.

It includes the Victoria Rifles Challenge Cup of 1879, the Royal and Burmese Guards' 1874 a wise pitcher dated 1890-91 and the Kenya Defence Cup.

### £83m SCHOOL BILL

By Our Political Staff

The Government spent £83 million last year on the education of children of public servants at boarding schools, the Prime Minister said yesterday in reply to a Commons question from Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby.

PRIEST TRIAL DATE

The trial of four Interior Ministry officials charged with killing the Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko, the pro-solidarity priest, will begin on Dec. 27 at Torun, Poland. —AP.

Previous talks on Nov. 26 founded over how the machinists' case could be re-examined. The company suggested the use of management experts but the unions said any examination must be independent.

The machinists want regrading which, under the new wage offer, will raise their weekly pay by £6.67 to £144.64.

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# Judge withholds legal sanction to help to heal wounds of pit strike

## NUM OFFICERS LIABLE FOR £1.7m SPENDING

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

WORKING miners can sue their union officials to make them personally liable for union funds spent on picketing and hardship payments when the strike is unlawful under union rules, a High Court judge ruled yesterday.

In one of the most significant judgments since the miners dispute began, Mr Justice VINELOTT upheld a claim brought by two working Derbyshire miners against their area union officials claiming that payments on the strike in the Derbyshire area were unlawful.

But he refused at this stage of the action to make an order requiring the two officials, Mr Gordon BUTLER, its president, and Mr JOHN BURROUGHS, its treasurer, to repay personally the £1,736,789 spent so far on the strike in the area.

### Step to bankruptcy

Mr Justice Vinerott said there was no immediate advantage to the union in ordering the officials to pay back to the union a sum which was clearly beyond their resources and which could lead to steps being taken to bankrupt them.

Enforcement of a summary judgment for repayment would make it "all the more difficult to heal the wounds that will have to be healed when the dispute is over."

He was giving judgment in a case brought by Mr ROLAND TAYLOR, from the Shirebrook colliery, and Mr DAVID ROBERTS, from Markham colliery, challenging the legality of the union's spending on picketing, transport and payments to strikers' families during the current dispute.

### Argument rejected

Last September they had obtained a ruling from Mr Justice NICOLLS in the High Court that the strike in Derbyshire was unlawful under the local union's rules.

In his judgment yesterday Mr Justice Vinerott rejected an argument put forward by the area union that Mr Taylor and Mr Roberts were not entitled, as individuals, to bring an action to stop the misapplication of union funds.

The effect of his ruling will be that working miners in other areas where the strike has been declared unlawful and there are similar local union rules to the Derbyshire will be able to sue their union officials for unlawful spending on the strike.

### Insignificant benefits

It was common ground that the defendants did not have any substantial resources. Benefits to the union of recovering everything that could be extracted from them "were likely to be 'wholly insignificant' compared with the large sums already spent."

### Four dropped from court move

By Our Legal Correspondent

FOUR moderate members of miners' union national executive have been dropped from legal proceedings seeking a court ban on the NEC committing further contempt of court.

Mr DAVID OLIVER, counsel for 16 working miners seeking the ban, told Mr Justice Scott in the High Court yesterday that the four moderates had been dropped after evidence filed by the union disclosed splits in the executive.

But they remain defendants with other members of the union's executive in an action brought by the 16 to make executive members personally liable for the £200,000 contempt fine imposed on the union in October for defying court orders.

The four defendants dropped from the action are Mr COLIN CLARKE, president of the National Working Miners Committee, who are seeking to make Mr ARTHUR SCARLICK, the national union's president, and other members of its executive, personally liable to pay the £200,000 contempt of court fine imposed on the union for breaching court orders.

### Local rules

In his reserved judgment yesterday after a four-day hearing before the High Court, Mr Justice Vinerott ruled that the spending by the Derbyshire area officials on a strike that had been declared unlawful went outside the powers in the local union's rules.

The officials who made the payments were liable to re-instate the union and their misapplication of union funds could not be ratified by a majority of the union's members however large.

In deciding whether or not to order repayment by the two officials, they could still be ordered to do so if the case eventually came to trial.

## When his ship was torpedoed... so was his future peace of mind

Leading Seaman R.....H.....n served right through the war. He was torpedoed in the Atlantic and suffered from exposure. He served in Landing craft, and his home received a direct hit from a bomb while he was there on leave.

In 1945 his mind could take no more, and he spent the next 25 years in and out of mental hospitals. He now lives with us.

Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen still risk mental breakdown in serving their country. However brave they may be, the strains are sometimes unbearable.

We care for these gallant men and women, at home and abroad. We run our own Comedent Home, a Hostel for the younger homeless who can still work, and a Veterans Home for the ageing warriors who are no longer able to look after themselves. We also assist people like R.....H.....n at Pensions Tribunals, assuring that they receive all that their due.

These men and women have sacrificed their minds in service. To help them, we must raise funds. Please send a donation and, perhaps, remember us with a legacy. The debt is owed by all of us.

"They've given more than they could—please give as much as you can."

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## Court bans poly cash for famine

By MARGOT NORMAN Education Staff

A HIGH COURT judge yesterday granted the Attorney-General an order forbidding North London Polytechnic students from giving £5,000 to striking miners and £5,000 to famine victims in Ethiopia. But the students went ahead and sent the money anyway.

Steve Brown, a student union spokesman, confirmed that both donations were already on their way to their recipients. Mr Justice Scott reinforced an earlier court order banning the miners' donation and, extended it to cover the donation to the Ethiopian famine fund.

The union's defiance of the first order on the £5,000 sent to Seham miners' support group in Co. Durham could provoke a move from Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, to have the student officers convicted for contempt.

Contempt not permitted

Contempt proceedings over the Ethiopian donation are less likely, since the money was sent before the writs arising from yesterday's extended order were delivered to Peter Ross, student president, Peter Redman, vice-president, and Philip Brett, the three named student officers.

At yesterday's hearing the judge said that payment of student union funds for any purpose "other than the advancement of the education, or the fostering of the welfare of the body of members of the students' union as students of the polytechnic" was ultra vires, and therefore illegal.

The sympathy that people may have for persons in distress in Ethiopia, and miners' families in distress, does not permit, at the present stage of proceeding, the union to be generous with money which is earmarked for student purposes," said Mr Justice Scott.

His order will remain in force until a full hearing of the case in early February.

### On the picket lines

Meanwhile, Brown said "The money has gone up my train to Seham in cash and cheques signed by student union officers."

"We don't want to go around breaking the law, but we feel our union should be free to spend our money in whatever way it votes to spend it. If the law says no, then that's something we'll have to confront."

Brown, a member of the Socialist Workers' party, added: "Our main priority is to get students on to the picket lines."

He claimed that the polytechnic had so far sent about 150 students up to Seham near Easington Colliery, and that some students were still living in the village and picketing.

### Offer still on table

By BRENDAN PARRY

THE miners' families

Christmas appeal

launched two weeks ago by Mr Kinnock, the Labour leader, has already raised £265,400, his wife Glenys said yesterday.

But she added there was still a huge need for support in the mining communities, so that parents did not have to tell their small children: "Father Christmas will not be coming this year."

The biggest cheque so far is a well-publicised £100,000 from John Paul Getty. Other large sums have come from Colin Welland, Ken Follett, Carla Gabor, Watch and the West Midlands Labour party.

The money is being banked daily, and then being distributed from Sheffield in the hope that every miner's family will be able to celebrate Christmas in his own home with a turkey, a Christmas pudding and at least one present for each child.

It is hoped that 100,000 families will benefit from the appeal.

Sharing the Press conference with Mrs Kinnock was Mrs Janet Dunn, wife of Kent NUM retired general secretary, Jack Dunn, who said that she and her husband live in a house owned by the NUM and had been ordered to pay their rent to the sequestrators."

### Moral support

In West Sussex a group is trying to bolster moral support for working miners.

A housewife leader of the group, who like all the members' wives, remains anonymous, said that working miners were feeling increasingly isolated with all the publicity heavily loaded in favour of the strikers.

The Haywards Heath based group has adopted the working miners at Rievaulx Colliery, South Yorkshire, extending the band of friendship where they feel it is greatly needed.

"We are a non-political, non-sectarian group who simply want working miners to know that they have friends and supporters in the South of England," said the woman.

She added that supporters of the working miners were angry that so much aid was being given to the strikers who had the power to bring their miseries to an end by returning to work.

### STEEL OUTPUT HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR

By Our Business Correspondent

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### LEADER OF KENT MINERS FINED

Malcolm Pitt, the Kent miners' president, has been convicted of obstructing a police officer in a picket line in the county. Pitt, of Edge End Road, Broadstairs, Kent, was fined £100 by Sandwich magistrates and ordered to pay £25 costs for the offence at Tilmanstone Colliery, near Deal, on Sept. 3.

He was cleared of using threatening behaviour.

Police were ordered to pay £500 costs by the magistrates when the prosecuting officer referred to evidence against 18 men accused of persistently following a working miner. All charges were dismissed.

### CARGO FERRY PLAN

By One Shipping Correspondent

Scarbards Ferries, a newly formed company plans to exploit use of the M25 motorway round London by heavy lorries by starting a cargo ferry service from Tilbury to Zeebrugge on Jan. 2.



## £263,000

## CHEER FOR MINERS

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

THERE is concern within Government and the Coal Board that the debate about uneconomic pits and picket violence may be causing the pay and conditions package still lying on the table to be forgotten.

The offer, marked as final,

is said by the board to be "the best ever made by any employer to any group of workers."

Its main points are:

A PLANE to maintain coal mining capacity of at least 100 million tons a year and continuing major investment to create new long-term jobs. No compulsory redundancy, a guaranteed job for every miner-worker who wants to stay in the industry and generous transfer benefits if his pit closes.

ACCEPTANCE by the board of an alternative form of words proposed by the conciliation service Acas, to cover its insistence that the NUM should operate "in line with the principles of the Plan for Coal."

Much of this package

forms with the deal already struck with the colliery managers and partially concluded with the pit deputies' union Nacods. The latter has yet to settle on pay, however.

The various parts of the offer have been formulated as the dispute has progressed. But some have been on the table since it began and the bulk of the components were included in the board's offer of July 4.

The NUM has not accepted

the pay offer. But the main obstacle to settlement remains the union's insistence that a pit is uneconomic to run and must not be regarded as a reason to close it down.

### Lump payments

REDUNDANCY terms with lump

payments of up to £36,000 (for a man of 49 after a lifetime

in the mines). For older men there is lump sum and an immediate pension.

A 20-year-old miner since 20 would get £15,54 plus a pension of £103.15 a week, a deal which would cost the state £58,751 by the time he became normal pensionable age.

AGREEMENT to re-examine the board's March 6 proposals for a four-million tons production cutback and up to 20,000 redundancies. After the long strike it is accepted that this is no longer relevant.

ANY pit closure will continue to deal with under the Colliery Review Procedure. But this will be revised to ensure that it operates fairly and effectively.

### AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW BODY

is to be established to which

closure proposals in dispute

can be submitted. The board has pledged to "give full weight" to its advice.

FIVE PITS whose future is the subject of special concern are to be closed and left open and their future considered under the review procedures. These are: Polmase, Scotland; Heslington, North East; Bullock Wood, Cumbria; Carltonwood, South Yorkshire; and Snowdown, Kent. It was the board's plan to close Carltonwood last March.

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### IT'S NOT CRICKET FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

PUPILS attending independent schools in Labour-dominated Nottinghams, will no longer be able to play football or cricket on county-maintained fields or learn to swim in its pools.

The pupils will also be barred from playing in the county orchestra or its concert band.

Music sessions run by the local authority on Saturday mornings as well as its drama workshops will also be closed to boys and girls at fee-paying schools.

Savings to ratepayers will be £1,850 a year.

Last night Councillor Fred Riddell, chairman of Nottinghamshire's education committee, said: "We felt that the independent sector should live up to its name and be independent. Independent schools need us; we don't need them."

"It is unfair of parents to

buy a private education and then skin the milk from both the private and the State sectors."

Councillor Riddell admitted that the miners' strike had also affected the decision. "We have seen the harsh effects of that strike and witnessed the deterioration of a once-proud community," he said.

### A DIVIDING FORCE

"Education should be a unifying force; instead, it is a dividing force in society. Why should those who are being bought an educated privately create still further divisions?"

Mr Robert Roberts, head of Worksop College, one of the county's major independents,

said he was saddened by the decision even though none of his 500 boys and 70 girls were affected. On the contrary, Worksop opened up its many two facilities to the community and mostly without charging anyone a penny.

## Moderates defeat benefits strikers

By CHARLES LAURENCE

MODERATES outvoted supporters of the Militant Tendency yesterday to swing the Civil and Public Services Association against continuing the strike at the Government computer centres in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The vote at a national executive meeting in London means that Mr Alastair Graham, the moderate general secretary, may now recommend a return to work at a meeting of the 330 striking civil servants on Monday.

# LIFE JAIL FOR MURDER ON DUTY' SOLDIER

By KENNETH CLARKE in Belfast

**F**OR the first time since the Army was sent to Northern Ireland 15 years ago, a British soldier was found guilty yesterday of murder during the course of his duty.

Pte IAN RICHARD THAIN, 19, from Doncaster of the First Bn Light Infantry Regt, was jailed for life at Belfast Crown Court for murdering THOMAS REILLY, 22, road manager of the all-woman pop group Banana-rama.

Thain, who denied murder, had been in the Regular Army less than a year when he shot Reilly through the heart as he chased him Aug. 9 last year—the anniversary of the introduction of internment in Ulster.

Yesterday he was helped dazed from the dock after being sentenced by Mr Justice Higgins.

Colleagues in plain clothes looked shocked, but one of Mr Reilly's two brothers, Michael, said: "It is good to see people like that getting justice. They usually walk away."

#### Drinking heavily

In his defence, Thain said he called on Mr Reilly to stop three times, but fired a single shot when Mr Reilly half-turned and appeared to be going for a gun in the waistband of his trousers.

Thain also called evidence that Mr Reilly, before being shot, had punched a soldier and tried to steal a riot-gun.

The judge accepted that Mr Reilly had been involved in a disturbance and had also been drinking heavily.

But he said he had found Thain untruthful in the witness box who it suited him, and he rejected the defence submission that Thain had fired only in the belief that he was protecting both his own life and those of soldier colleagues.

#### Lack of sleep

Mr Justice Higgins said he had also considered evidence from a psychologist that Thain had been brooding about the death of a colleague who had been blown up two months previously, and that there were doubts about his stability.

In addition, he had taken into account his youth, inexperience and lack of sleep at the time.

"Having regard to all the evidence, I simply do not accept the accused's testimony that he believed he was about to be shot at, and reacted to that danger by shooting in self-defence."

The judge said he was satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that:—

Between firing the gun and getting to within a short distance of Mr Reilly, Thain was

## Murdered executive's wife discharged

**M**R YIANOUKIA ROBERTSON, 37, the Greek-born wife of Mr Michael Robertson, the murdered IBM executive, was discharged yesterday by magistrates at Havant, Hampshire, where she had been accused of soliciting the killing.

## POLICE WIN RENTS CASE RULING

**T**HE Labour-controlled West Midlands police authority acted unlawfully in failing to review the rent allowance for its police officers, Mr Justice SKINNER ruled in the High Court yesterday.

The authority was ordered to review, "as soon as practicable," the maximum rent allowance which is given to officers not living in free police housing.

That review should not be later than Feb. 20, 1985, the date of the next meeting of the police authority, said the judge.

The result was welcomed as a victory by the West Midlands Police Federation, whose chairman, through its deputy secretary PC David Morgan, from Birmingham.

Since 1969, the West Midlands had reviewed the rents every two years, but had not done so since April 1982.

Between then and February this year, the rent for the "specimen house"—used to fix the maximum allowance—increased by 15 per cent., said the judge. In those circumstances the authority had a "plain duty" to review the rent allowances.

The police authority was ordered to pay the costs of the action.

## NO ESCAPE PLOT

BY NILSEN

Prison authorities were investigating yesterday how a hacksaw blade came to be hidden near the cell of Denis Nilsen, the mass murderer, at Wakefield Prison, Yorkshire, although a spokesman for the Home Office Permanent Department said: "We believe there was no genuine escape plot, and therefore no escape plot was foiled."

Nilsen, 39, a former civil servant, was jailed for life last year for killing and dismembering 15 homeless youths. Parts of their bodies were later discovered in drains and under footboards of two houses in North London.

## BLOW FOR SHERIFF

The Sheriff of Norwich's gold chain of office, worth £2,000 and presented to the city in 1739, was stolen from the Lord Mayor's car in Unthank Road, Norwich. The Lord Mayor, Mr Stan Petersen, was to have met the Sheriff later.

## Ex-sheriff's suicide over liver cancer

By JOHN SHAW

**M**R JAMES PHILIPPS, a former High Sheriff of Suffolk, shot himself after being told he might have cancer, a Newmarket inquest was told yesterday.

"Against that background he determined to end his life in as discreet and private a fashion as the circumstances would permit," said Mr Michael Hall, deputy coroner for West Suffolk, who recorded a verdict of suicide.

Mr Phillips, 78, of Dalham Hill, Dalham, near Newmarket, was a gentleman farmer keenly interested in racing and a member of the Jockey Club. He was found dead in his grounds by a member of the staff on Sept. 22. He was High Sheriff in 1955-56.

Mrs ELIZABETH PHILIPPS said her husband had good health until shortly before his death when he developed jaundice. He went to a local doctor and then to hospital for a scan. On the morning of his death he had looked "very ill," she said.

#### Worked at usual

But he did office work as usual and then went on a tour of the farms taking his gun with him in a Range Rover. She said there was nothing abnormal in that.

Dr FRANK HARRIS, consultant pathologist, said Mr Phillips was suffering from deep jaundice and a post-mortem examination showed that he had cancer in a liver duct which would have made him slowly more and more jaundiced. Death was due to a gunshot wound in the chest.

#### Appeal likely

The judge said that another soldier, Pte Speck, was not far behind Thain when the shot was fired and it would have expected Thain, if he honestly believed Mr Reilly to have been armed, to have talked to Pte Speck about it.

An Army spokesman refused to comment on the verdict but it is understood that there will be an appeal.

Thain joined the Army in September 1982 and was posted to Northern Ireland on May 1 the following year, when he was only 18. He was stationed in West Belfast, for years an area in which the IRA has operated.

Many residents there are hostile to soldiers, and when on patrol troops are frequently abused and have missiles thrown at them.

Soon after Thain's arrival in West Belfast a booby-trapped lamp-post exploded and killed his mate, Pte Geoffrey Curtis, also from Doncaster, and serving in the same company.

Thain arrived at the scene of the blast with other soldiers, shortly afterwards, and saw his friend's remains. He told colleagues it was something that had embittered him deeply.



Helen Charlotte Hough who was jailed for nine months at the Old Bailey yesterday for helping a 83-year-old friend to take her own life.

## 'Spectator' columnist goes to jail after losing drug case appeal

THE "High Life" columnist for the SPECTATOR, PETER TAKI THEODORACOPoulos began a four-month jail sentence yesterday for possessing cocaine after Judge ALAN TRAPNELL rejected his appeal against the sentence.

Theodoracopoulos was a sinner after an envelope was spotted protruding from his pocket as he walked through the green channel. It was found to contain 24.1 grammes of cocaine worth £2,410, which he was planning to use for himself during a three-month stay in Europe.

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Peter "Taki" Theodoracopoulos — "professionally destroyed."

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## VICE GIRL FREED FOR HONEYMOON

JUDY JONES, 36, who admitted she was out soliciting as a prostitute only hours before her wedding, was back on honeymoon yesterday after magistrates in Bristol gave her a "last chance" 12-month conditional discharge.

She was arrested last Thursday in the St Pauls area of Bristol and freed on bail the next day when magistrates heard she was to be married that afternoon.



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# MYSTERY-MAN GORBACHEV IN THE LIMELIGHT

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

**M**R MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, the Kremlin heir-apparent, arrives in Britain today for a week's visit of international as well as bilateral importance.

The trip is billed as a Parliamentary exchange but will carry weighty East-West and State-to-State overtures in meetings between Mr Gorbachev and Mrs Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, and other Ministers.

Mr Gorbachev arrives on the eve of fresh disarmament talks between the Soviet Union and the United States in Geneva early next month.

Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, was in London this week for preparatory discussions with Sir Geoffrey about new arms negotiations.

Moscow has said it is ready for "radical solutions" to the arms race. The attention of the United States and Britain's other Nato allies will be closely fixed on Mr Gorbachev's London talks for any sign of what Russia's approach to Geneva might be.

There will also be great curiosity to see Mr Gorbachev, 53, out of his natural habitat and away from the Kremlin camouflage which has blurred perception of who and what he really is.

That is the youngest member of the ruling Politburo and, as a law graduate, its best educated, has been taken by some analysts to mean he could be a "liberal" waiting his chance to set Russia on a path of modern reform.

He can be quoted in favour of greater incentives to spur farm and factory output; a wider use of free-market levers; an all-out drive for the latest technology and an intensive overhaul of economic management.

## Chance to impress

But Mr Gorbachev has yet to spell out exactly what alternatives he would prefer and exactly how "reformist" he would like to be.

The visit is an important opportunity for Mr Gorbachev to enlarge his personal prestige and to impress Russians back home as much as Governments and people in the West.

In bilateral terms the visit seems to be the most important since 1967 when Mr Kosygin, then the Prime Minister, toured Britain.

It gives expression to the remarkable improvement in British-Soviet relations since the chill which set in after Russia's invasion of Afghanistan five years ago this month.

Mr Gorbachev's visit paves the way for the planned visit next year by Mr Andrei Gromyko, Foreign Minister, in return for the Foreign Secretary's visit to Moscow last July.

A full-scale trip to Moscow by Mrs Thatcher is clearly in prospect, possibly within a year.

Mrs Thatcher, when in Moscow for President Andropov's funeral last February, spoke of building new East-West confidence. The desired upgrading of relations has come more quickly than she would probably have envisaged.

Trade has benefited particu-



Mr Mikhail Gorbachev — youngest and best educated member of the Politburo.

larly, up 25 per cent in the first half of this year and moving to a total annual turnover of around £2 billion.

This still leaves Russia 26th on the league table of Britain's trading partners but both sides sound optimistic about prospects for expansion.

The engineering Groups John Brown and the Davy Corporation have been asked to bid for Turkey's chemical plant contracts each worth £500 million.

There is an increasing flow of British company heads visiting Moscow.

A Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade is in Mr Gorbachev's delegation and trade discussions will form an important part of the visit. So will factory visits, including one to the John Brown headquarters in Scotland.

Also in his delegation will be Mr Leonid Zamyanin, head of the party's International Information Department, and chief spokesman.

Mr Gorbachev was born to peasants in the north Caucasus region of Stavropol, where he became Party Chief before moving to Moscow in 1978 as Party-Secretary in charge of agriculture.

His promotion became even more rapid under President Andropov who gave him wider responsibilities for industry.

But the party evidently judged Mr Gorbachev too young to take the succession from Mr Chernenko and his "Old Guard" supporters when Mr Andropov died.

He has since been rivalled by the other leading "young hopeful" in the Politburo, Mr Grigori Romanov, 61, but is now clearly Number Two, with three decades of experience.

The Russians, however, may already have accepted it with a new radio establishment at Krasnoyarsk in the central Soviet Union. Its purpose is believed to be that of spotting missiles fired from submarines.

## Reservations of Europeans on arms talks

By DAVID ADAMSON  
Diplomatic Correspondent  
in Brussels

**F**OREIGN MINISTERS of Nato wished Mr Shultz, American Secretary of State, a happy voyage yesterday to next month's Geneva arms talks with the Soviet Union, but maintained reservations about the consultations the Americans have promised.

The Geneva talks, embracing Euro-missiles, long-range strategic missiles and future stages of Star Wars, are likely to be complex and some of the Europeans fear that their own chief concern — the medium-range Euro-missiles — will lose its separate identity.

These anxieties are largely in countries where deployment of cruise and Pershing II missiles is still a white-hot political issue — West Germany, Holland, and Belgium.

One problem is that the Soviet criterion for strategic missiles is that they must attack Soviet soil. That puts cruise and Pershing II in the same category as inter-continental missiles, which until talks broke down in Geneva last year were dealt with in the separate START talks.

### No reason to change

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, bristled yesterday at suggestions that a new mechanism for consultation between the United States and its allies might be needed.

He believed that what worked satisfactorily during the American-Soviet talks in Geneva on Euro-missiles was good enough.

The existing mechanism is the Special Consultative Group, of which the chairman is an American; and Mr Shultz said he saw no reason to change "established ways of consulting."

Mr Shultz's general approach to the Geneva negotiations has been endorsed by the Allies, but he is keeping close his tactical cards for his agenda-setting talks with Mr Gromyko.

The Soviet Union, which broke off both the Euro-missile and the START talks, now appears to want a forum combining them.

Above that important procedural question looms the larger one of how far the Americans will permit the Soviet Union's chief preoccupation — the American venture into "Star Wars" technology — to dominate.

### Tests 'presumably on'

Mr Shultz was asked if the United States would go ahead with tests of an advanced anti-satellite weapon in March. The Russians have called for a moratorium on all such tests.

All Mr Shultz would say was that "presumably" the tests would go ahead.

The Europeans will hope for a considerably less than hard-line approach on Star Wars. Any moves towards destroying offensive missiles in space will almost certainly lead to a breach of SALT I, the American-Soviet treaty on anti-ballistic missiles.

The Europeans want to be preserved.

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## SOVIET TRADE Stockholm conference

**O**UR STOCKHOLM Correspondent reports: The Stockholm Security Conference ended its first year of deliberations yesterday with an unexpected Soviet trade against Nato in general and West Germany in particular.

Although Nato representatives expressed satisfaction with the last session, during which Nato and the Warsaw Pact agreed a working schedule, the Soviet chief delegate, Mr Oleg Grinevsky, complained that forces in West Germany were being reduced to territory lost in the 1939-45 war.

This was "one of the most dangerous phenomena of European life, disputing existing frontiers, their socio-political systems and other territorial and political realities" that had taken shape since the war.

Herr Klaus Citron, of West Germany, strongly denied the Soviet accusation, saying that it had "political purposes." The discussions are due to resume on Jan. 29.

## JOURNALIST HELD IN S.W. AFRICA

A South-West African journalist, Gwen Lister, 31, was arrested yesterday amid moves to suppress reports that she mistakenly received inside three envelopes a letter from police telling the local postmaster to intercept her mail for six months in the interests of state security.

Col. Gert Badenhorst, head of the security police in the South-West African (Namibian) capital of Windhoek, confirmed the arrest made under the Official Secrets Act and the Post Office Act, and said he expected a formal charge to be made within two days.

Her first stop will be Peking where she is expected not only to sign the Hongkong agreement but to have talks with leaders including Prime Minister Zhao and Deng Xiaoping, the Head of Government.

The Prime Minister, who has twice before, flies on to Hongkong.

She meets Vice-President Bush in Washington on Saturday morning before flying to Camp David for some three hours of talks with Mr Reagan.

Mrs Thatcher is expected back in London next Sunday morning.



Mr William Schroeder, the second man to receive an artificial heart, receiving his cheque for social security after he had complained to President Reagan of difficulty in getting payment. The cheque was flown out to the heart hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, soon after Mr Schroeder's conversation with the President, who had telephoned to congratulate him on his recovery.

## Election in Belize no comfort for Guatemala

By DAVID SHEARS in Stann Creek, Belize

**I**N the small seaside town of Stann Creek with its wooden shanties and Chinese restaurants I watched at several polling stations yesterday as Belize, formerly British Honduras, held its first general election since becoming independent three years ago.

As in the Grenada election this month, each voter was required to dip a finger in semi-indelible red ink to show he had voted.

But the precaution seemed unnecessary. A polling clerk, Mr Richard Mercello, assured me: "We check identity cards against the register, and in any case we know just about everybody."

At mid-morning all was quiet and orderly, but police stood guard at every polling station and the Belize Defence Force had stationed units around the country in case of trouble.

The election result in what was thought to be a close race was not expected until early today. At stake was the future of Mr George Price, the ascetic Prime Minister, who has dominated Belizean politics for three decades.

### Rigging discounted

Faced by a strong challenge from the United Democratic party led by Mr Manuel Esquivel, a physics teacher.

More than 60,000 voters out of the total Belizean population of about 150,000 were expected to go to the 113 polling stations. The two main parties put up 28 candidates apiece.

The small Christian Democratic party nominated two members of the three independent candidates.

For additional parliamentary constituencies were created for the election, bringing the total to 28.

Whatever the outcome, Bel-

## BUDGET RETHINK FOR EEC

By ALAN OSBORN  
Common Market

Correspondent in Brussels

**T**HE Common Market Commission yesterday abandoned any attempt to solve the EEC's budget crisis and left it to the 10 member Governments to come up with new spending proposals for 1985.

This followed an overwhelming vote by the European Parliament on Thursday to reject the 1985 budget on the grounds that it provided for only 10 per cent of the EEC's spending.

The EEC Finance Ministers had approved spending of some £15.5 billion in 1985, which fell short of the £17 billion wanted by Parliament.

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Germany is insisting it will not provide extra income for the EEC until Spain and Portugal become members, and this will certainly not be before when elections were announced.

Now it faces the gas disaster plus the political and administrative fumbling which has followed the local heat at state as well as the local level.

Journalists who earlier said that Madhya Pradesh, like most Northern India, was still wanted by Parliament, by the end of the year.

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### Serious crisis

Commission officials said yesterday that until new spending plans could be agreed, the Common Market would be restricted to spending no more than one-twelfth of the 1984 budget each month.

This might not affect operations much in the early months of the year but would produce a serious financial crisis in the spring, when seasonal payments to farmers start picking up.

The vote to reject the budget by the European Parliament was 36 to 16, with 11 abstentions. Mr Richard Cottrell, the Conservative Member for Bristol, who voted to accept, said the Parliament was "fighting the wrong battle, for the wrong reasons, in the wrong ground."

Mr Cottrell said: "Like Napoleon, the war was lost from Moscow. The Council will pick us up group by group as the winter deepens."

### KRUGERRAND FALL

By Our Geneva Correspondent  
Sale of South African krugerrand gold coins fell by 28 per cent from January to October, in total 2,360,350 ounces in the world, the Geneva office of the International Gold Corporation said yesterday.

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## 'Stay put' appeal is ignored in Bhopal as citizens flee

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

**A**LL official pleas for the people of Bhopal to stay put when the central Indian city's killer gas plant restarts operations tomorrow appeared to have failed yesterday. The exodus continued.

To help those fleeing the local administration laid on 400 buses in addition to the state services. Special trains also ran.

Such is the fear of another leak from the Union Carbide pesticide plant that every patient who could get out of bed and walk was doing so and leaving, said doctors at the city's Hamidia hospital.

So far the disaster at the American-owned plant has caused well over 1,000 deaths and thousands of others have been seriously affected. For day the compound of the over-crowded Hamidia hospital was occupied by patients but yesterday the fear of any reperussion on Sunday left many of any reprisals.

The area around the plant in Bhopal was like a ghost town. The people were running away even though they were still suffering from respiratory problems, said one doctor. And they did not want to go in the camps provided as "they have no faith in the Government."

To add to its problems the local administration said it had drafted in thousands of police to the city to "prevent lawlessness and looting."

### Political fallout

And with a general election due over Christmas leaders of the ruling Congress party yesterday expressed concern over the political fall-out from the gas disaster.

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The allegations by Mr Amirthalingham, formerly Leader of the Opposition in the Sri Lankan Parliament, followed claims by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, of "indiscriminate killing" of Tamils which were angrily rebuffed in Colombo.

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### Terrible in watch

From her Ipswich home Mrs Russell a mother of four, said: "My husband and the other prisoners clearly abandoned by their Government. It was terrible to watch Alan on television and hear him say he had listened to the BBC for months waiting to hear of our protest from home."

"We have asked the Foreign Office to send out a special envoy to negotiate on their behalf, but the answer is always no. What has been done for the hostages is negligible."

Mrs Russell also said the Foreign Office did not help with the £600 cost of a visit to Libya in September when she was briefly allowed to see her husband, held since May.

Last night the Foreign Office, expressing sympathy with Mrs Russell and the families of



## NHS DRUG LIMIT LIST NOT FINAL, DOCTORS TOLD

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

DRUGS on the limited list of medicines available on the Health Service are being named, "simply as a basis for discussion," Dr Donald Acheson, chief Medical officer for the Health Department, has told doctors.

He has written to all doctors explaining details of the proposed scheme and pointing out "the false nature of some of the misunderstandings which have arisen."

Dr Acheson's action is seen as an attempt to appeal to doctors over the head of the British Medical Association, which is opposed to the limitation scheme, and which has called on family doctors to involve their patients in a campaign against it.

His letter to doctors says the essence of the plan is to limit the range of drugs which can be provided through the Health Service. Tonics, laxatives, pain-killers, antacids, vitamin pills and tranquillizers will be included because it is based on the principle of a limited list.

### B.M.A. CRITICISED

"Unnecessary fuss."

Our POLITICAL STAFF writes: Mr Patten, junior Health Minister, said yesterday that the drug companies and the British Medical Association had raised "totally unnecessary fears" about the limited list of Health Service drugs and had overlooked the fact that Britain was the only sizeable country not to impose some controls on the range and numbers of drugs prescribed.

The majority of these preparations do not in any case require a prescription and can already be obtained by the patient over the counter." Dr Acheson adds that Mr Fowler, Health and Social Ser-

vices Secretary, will welcome the help of doctors in ensuring that the final list contains an adequate range of effective non-branded drugs sufficient to meet all clinical needs.

The British Medical Association has refused to take part in discussions on what drugs are to be included because it is based on the principle of a limited list.

Doctors have been sent a provisional list of the drugs to be retained in each category after the scheme comes into effect next April. Dr Acheson stresses that the list is a basis for consultation with doctors and the drug industry.

He says: "The proposals do not limit the freedom of the profession to prescribe and desired medicine. Doctors will be permitted to prescribe medicines no longer available under the N.H.S. by means of a private prescription.

"The majority of these preparations do not in any case require a prescription and can already be obtained by the patient over the counter."

Dr Acheson adds that Mr Fowler, Health and Social Ser-

## NHS fails to attract 'new blood' managers

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

GOVERNMENT hopes of bringing executives with experience of management in business or industry into key posts in the National Health Service appear to have been dashed.

Mr Fowler, Social Services Secretary, has just appointed Mr Victor Paige, chairman of the Port of London Authority, to the £70,000 a year post of chairman of the new N.H.S. Management Board.

But the 14 regional health authorities which were also asked by the Government to appoint general managers have conspicuously failed to bring in new blood.

Thirteen of the 14 which have so far made appointments have all given the jobs to existing N.H.S. administrators, who have been upgraded and given rises of £2,000.

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of Mr Kenneth Bales, 53, administrator of West Midlands Regional Health Authority, who becomes general manager of the authority at a salary of £28,000, represents a set-back for Mr Clarke, Health Minister.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### WAY TO ARREST CRICKET'S DECLINE

SIR—As we survey the decline of English cricket, I wonder if cricket lovers in general, and those responsible for running the game at every level, from small village clubs upwards, appreciate the effect upon the game in schools, arising from organisational changes.

Cricket has always been a difficult game in schools. The summer term is short; there are examinations, open days, public holidays, the competing demands of athletics and swimming, together with the cost of equipment and the difficulty of finding access to suitable playing surfaces.

In the days of the small

secondary school, where perhaps 30 to 50 boys turned out for games at one and the same time, these problems were generally manageable. The presence of similar schools nearby allowed leagues to be organised.

All this has now changed. In the large schools of today, several hundred boys turn out for games at the same time five days a week. The problems of supplying sufficient equipment and enough space for even a fair proportion of these to play the game are insurmountable.

On the other hand, athletics allows a large number to participate in a fairly small area, and well within the time available. The fine crop of young

### Arrogance of the self-styled experts

SIR—I was saddened and annoyed to read the comments of Mr P. M. Brock (Dec. 1).

Saddened at his views and annoyed with his apparent arrogance on the subject of control over head teachers.

I think it would be a sorry affair if our lives were entirely governed by the "experts". When my television breaks down I call in the repair man to fix it; I don't expect him to tell me which programmes to watch.

I acknowledge that "parents alone do not always know what is best for their children" in the field of education, but surely there is arrogance in the suggestion that teachers alone

serve them.

Mr. Brock claims: "I know of no other profession where lay people wield so much power."

It is not one of the strengths of our education system this contribution of views and ideas?

We in local government are always ready to accept sound advice from any quarter. Too many professions which have

refused to accept the view of

athletes who have graced our schools in recent summers shows where the main effort, performance, has gone. It would be interesting to know what proportion of boys complete their education without ever having had the opportunity to have a bat or a ball in their hands. How many potential Trumans and Comptons are included in this number?

A solution is for every cricket club to have junior coaching schemes, in liaison with the schools, and to run a series of teams for these age groups. Long-term success can only be based on massive participation.

R. F. HODGSON

South Winchfield,

Dernys.

lay people are finding themselves faced with a barrage of criticism.

I am sorry, Mr. Brock, I think you've got it wrong. Education is far too important to be left entirely to any single group. It accounts for too much of the public's expenditure to exclude the public and it accounts for too much, in my view, of influence. To exclude parents is a serious mistake.

If Mr. Brock accepts, unreservedly, the advice of music teachers, dance instructors or indeed specialist instructors of all kinds" without wishing to have an input this is his business; as a parent myself I believe in participation, a sharing of ideas.

Mr. Brock claims: "I know of no other profession where lay people wield so much power."

It would surely have qualified for A. P. Herbert's celebrated censure "What a word!"

I invite all graduates of

Liverpool and Scarborough

to help me to stamp it out.

(Mrs) R. M. MORRIS

Eiterloo, Hanis.

JAMES GLOVER

Bishopstone, Sussex.

Other letters—P12

### Parking perils of Sunday trading

SIR—In the contemplation of the merits or otherwise of Sunday trading there is one aspect which seems to have been overlooked.

If stringent parking restrictions are enforced in all our cities and towns Sunday will be as any other weekday and I feel that this will be the death knell of our historic city and downtown churches already hard hit in their weekday activities.

Parking, usually relatively easy on a Sunday, will become very difficult; many of those attending worship, including the elderly and the infirm, rely on private cars as public transport.

Even if parking restrictions are lifted on Sundays the commercial traffic engendered by such free parking will surely be big enough to pre-empt any space.

Do we really want our inner cities and towns to become arid areas of commercialism with no visible signs of a Christian way of life?

J. D. MALLIN-JONES

Brighton

Measured shooting

SIR—In his recent article headed "How do you measure up to your own?" Mr Tim Heald writes that the reputation of the great Lord Ripon evidently messed up generations of lesser shots who followed his examples of shooting with both eyes open.

But surely the art of successful shooting at a moving bird is not to put it with one eye but to swing your arm through the line of flight, watching the bird with both eyes.

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### Maternal bond

"Finally the experience of seeing the baby on the screen, identifying movements and recognising anatomical features increases maternal and perhaps paternal bonding and may help to reduce tension."

It says, however, that mothers should not be persuaded to have ultra-sound scans against their will.

"Commercial exploitation of anti-natal scanning by poorly trained personnel merely to let the parents 'see the baby' is to be deplored."

The Medical Research Council is also holding an inquiry into the safety of ultra-sound scans and pending its findings, the Health Department has advised doctors not to give the scans on a routine basis.

"There would thus appear to be good grounds for calling for the cessation of tobacco sports sponsorship on TV so as to prevent further circumvention of the law banning the TV advertising of cigarettes."

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## COURT AND SOCIAL

Court Circular

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

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The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and bade farewell to His Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty.

Admiral Sir William Pilar had the honour of being received by the Queen on his appointment as Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Jersey.

Lady Pillar had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

Mrs Justice Brown had the honour of being received by the Queen on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of knighthood.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Federation of Theatre International, attended by Mr Brian McFarlane, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon to an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Switzerland.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Lang (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the departure of

Princess Alexandra will be present at a reception given by the Arts Council of Great Britain and the M.U.K. United Kingdom to mark the opening of the Reed Hall, SE.1, on Jan. 26.

The funeral service for the Hon. Mrs Wesley St George Barnes will take place at St Mary's Church, Chelmsford, Essex, on Tuesday Dec. 18.

Sir Timothy Bower has been appointed a Trustee of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY  
AND TOMORROW

Sir Henry Hardman is 79 today. Lord Acton is 77; Sir Denis Barnes 70; Lord Dunpark 68; Lord Crofts 67; Viscount Trentham 66; Sir Frank Simek 65; Miss Hilda Hooper 58; and Miss Edna O'Brien 48.

Sir Victor Pritchett will be 84 tomorrow; Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Parch will be 80; Lord Margadale 78; Sir John Leslie 73; Mr F. R. Brown 74; and Lord Monistone 61.

## Forthcoming Marriages

The Earl of Courtown and Miss E. D. Dennett

The engagement is announced between Patrick, elder son of the late Earl of Courtown and of the Countess of Courtown of Jordans, Buckinghamshire, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L. R. Donnet, of Lower Slaughter, Gloucestershire.

Mr C. N. Hacking and Miss G. L. Mellowes

The engagement is announced between Christopher Nigel, elder son of Dr and Mrs P. M. Hacking, Br of Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Gillian Lynne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. D. J. Mellowes of Poole, Dorset.

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The engagement is announced between Timothy Robert Wills, younger son of Mr and Mrs F. G. Horrell, of Lingerfield, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, and Julie Virginia, younger daughter of Mr P. G. Scall, of Upper Norwood, London.

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## Sounds of a fresh focus

IN THESE columns the other day Eric Shorter expressed enthusiastic pleasure over the experience of hearing a symphony orchestra play "live"—Carl Davis's colourful score for the Douglas Fairbanks silent-film version of "The Thief of Bagdad." Not long ago the "Napoleon" film had a comparable success.

This and the Solti revival of "Der Rosenkavalier" at Covent Garden were a reminder of how little has been said, outside specialist circles, about one of the most remarkable and ambitious projects of this kind, the silent film of "Rosenkavalier", with the opera's music adapted by Strauss for orchestra without voices.

It is in many ways a curious story, but the film was bailed in its day—by a writer in the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*—as an epoch-making event—in the centre of film music. In England, in America, the writer said, "proper symphony orchestras play in the cinemas—orchestras which are capable of playing both the classics and the most daring new compositions and are eager to compete in this regard with the regular opera and symphony orchestras. Yet the composition of genuine film music has remained a very rare event."

The film was made in the summer of 1925 by an Austrian company, Pan-Vision, and directed by Robert Wiene. Strauss was lukewarm about the project despite an offer of 10,000 dollars; he wanted to get on with his latest opera, "The Egyptian Helen." But Hofmannsthal, Hugo von Hofmannsthal, was in more need of the money and tried to persuade the composer that the film would stimulate renewed interest in the opera, not that it did.

Strauss's original refusal to conduct the music at the first showings of the film was because he agreed with his publisher that the cinema was becoming too serious a rival to the theatre. Hofmannsthal rebuked him, saying he owed this to the people who made the film, "to the producer, the bank which generously put a quarter of a million dollars into the project—and perhaps just a little to your faithful 'Büretsch'."

But in one respect the librettist was anything but faithful. It is surprising and extraordinary that Hofmannsthal, whom one might have thought would be prissy and pedantic

about the affair, eagerly agreed to changes in the plot of his masterpiece. He thereby set a distinguished and dangerous precedent which Hollywood later seized upon all too often when making films of novels.

Glasgow Citizens' Theatre, at last year's Edinburgh Festival, demonstrated convincingly that Hofmannsthal's original libretto works admirably as a play without music. In an example of specious self-justification, Hofmannsthal explained to Strauss that his film version of their most successful and popular operatic collaboration merely told "new tales about these old acquaintances," and that anyone who saw the film would want to meet them in the real story.

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Because of rumours about the affair between Count Octavian and the Marschallin, the field marshal has put his palace under the surveillance of the morals commission while he is away on the war, and its spies are Valschner and Annina, the opera's two freelance operants.

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Of course some new music was needed, but Strauss didn't extend his gift to provide it. He dug out three pieces he had written years before, used a Cooper arrangement he had made in 1923, and wrote one new march for a scene at the field marshal's headquarters. To oblige Hofmannsthal, he

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While in London he recorded 20 minutes of extracts with the augmented Tivoli Orchestra, and these have recently been reissued on LP together with another curiosity, an arrangement for salon orchestra of the film music (*Harmonia Mundi* IC 151-1939043). This score was discovered a few years ago in the basement of the Loooodoo. Authorship of the chamber arrangement remains unknown—it is unlikely to have been done by Strauss—and of course it lacks the splendour of the full orchestra. But it makes the performance economically more feasible. The next Loooodoo Film Festival might like to investigate this oddity.

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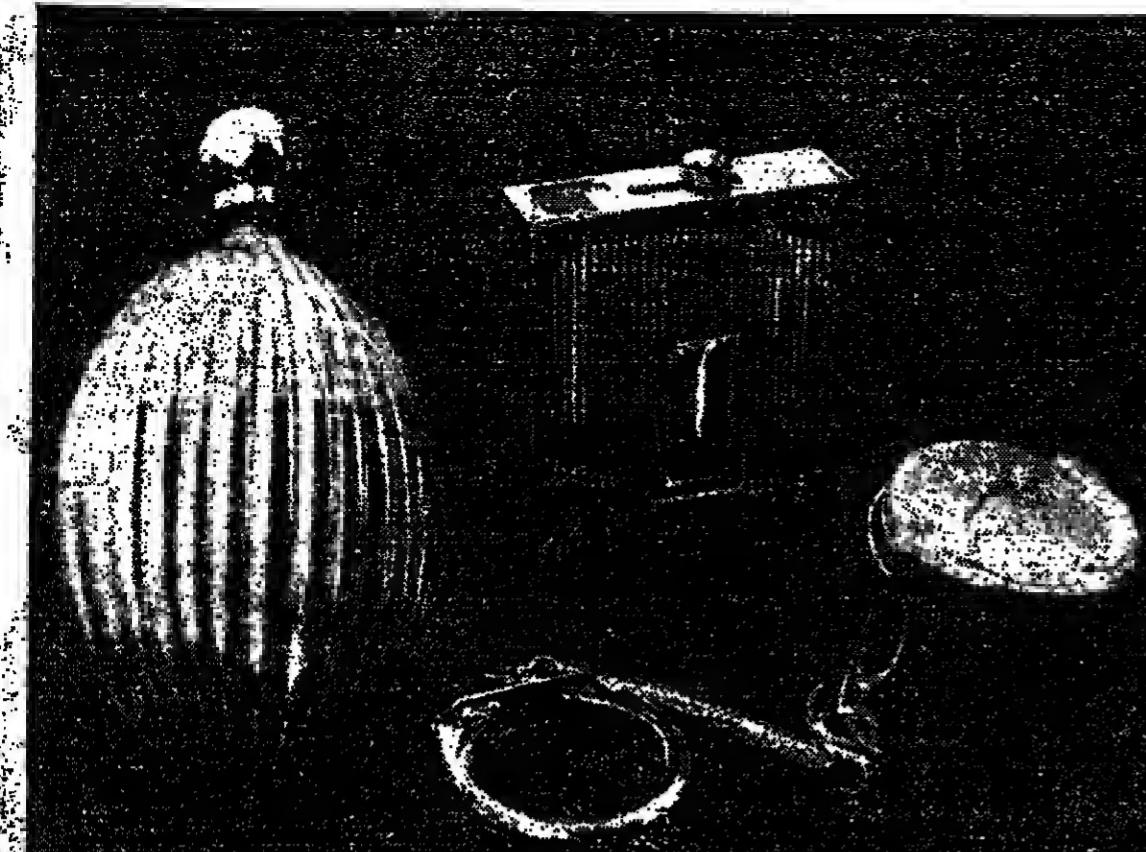
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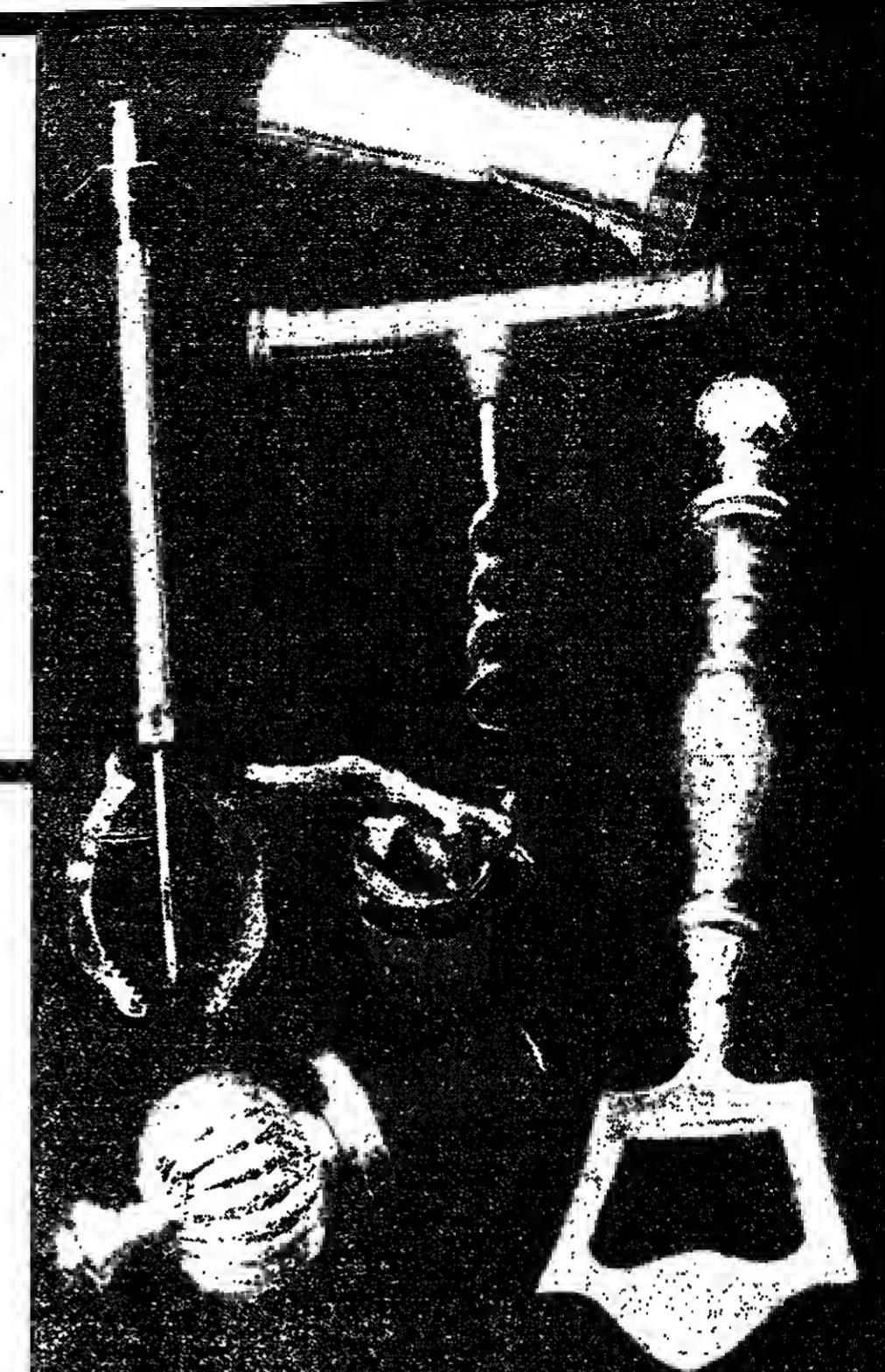
**S**MALL silver-plated presents look expensive yet often represent incredibly good value, writes ANN CHUBB. And items that are not only pretty but useful, too, will be especially appreciated over the Christmas holiday—and after it.

Take the wonderful range of decorative corks for both wine and champagne bottles that you can find at Thomas Goode, for instance. And no one can own too many corkcrews and bottle-openers:

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In picture RIGHT, from top left clockwise: silver-plated pickle clasp, £3.50; double measuring cap £6.50; cork screw £14.95; bottle opener £12.95, all from Harvey Nichols; champagne cork £14.95; fox cork stopper £4.95, both from Thomas Goode, 19 South Audley Street, London W1.

Pictures by PAUL ARMIGER



## Hard lessons from Victorian times

A CHRISTMAS classroom of the 1890s was recreated for an unusual history lesson this week when 30 children turned back the clock to experience what school was like in Macclesfield, Cheshire, nearly 100 years ago.

The lesson marked an important milestone in the restoration of an 1815 Sunday School which, over the next two years, will become a museum and heritage centre for what was once the town's main industry, silk.

Project administrator Tony Newton is keen that the centre should offer more than just conventional exhibits and audio-visual displays. He said: "This Sunday School once played a vital role in the life of the town and provided thousands of children who worked in the Macclesfield silk mills with their only formal education."

It is planned that the £500,000 restoration scheme will enable the four-storey building to become a focal point for the community once again, with meeting rooms for local organisations, an exhibition area, a library and a magnificent galleried assembly hall, which it is hoped will be the permanent base of the Northern Symphony Orchestra.

The tea room is already doing brisk trade and local groups are hiring meeting rooms. This week, 30 eight-year-olds from Lostock Hall Primary School, Poynton, became the first pupils to sample a taste of Victorian schooldays in the renovated classroom.

Educational interpreter



BY JUDI GOODWIN

Les Robinson was "teacher," dressed in 19th-century costume, and the girls wore Victorian-style smocks.

Les Robinson said: "The exercise was somewhere between a theatrical production and a lesson, because we wanted to encourage the children to relive the discipline and suppression of Victorian times. This gives them first-hand experience of the period and we hope it is more real to them than anything they can pick up from reading about it."

Naturally, they found it a very different atmosphere from their modern, carpeted, open-plan school, where their class teacher, Margaret Courtman, uses a less formal approach.

"The discipline was strange to the children because they are normally encouraged to work on their own, organising their activities for themselves," she said. "They

are not used to chanting because we want to train them not just to know lists of facts but to be able to think and form opinions."

Though the children enjoyed their morning none would have liked to have been born in Victorian times.

Melissa Jowers, aged eight, commented: "The teacher was strict and you had to sit up straight all the time and keep your hands behind your back. The children worked hard in the mills and got diseases. And they had to say 'Yes, Mam' to the teacher and always have a clean handkerchief."

More school visits are

planned in the new year and education officer Karen de Lewandowicz and her staff hope to develop the use of the assembly hall to produce young peoples' plays on the history of the town and run a Saturday club.

The education team and all the Heritage Centre staff are financed by Manpower Services and the project is funded by the community and local industry as well as local authorities and government.

Donations of £160,000 are still required but places are well in hand for the next phase of the Sunday School, scheduled for February next year. This will include an exhibition of the town's history, the story of the Sunday School itself and a tourist information centre.

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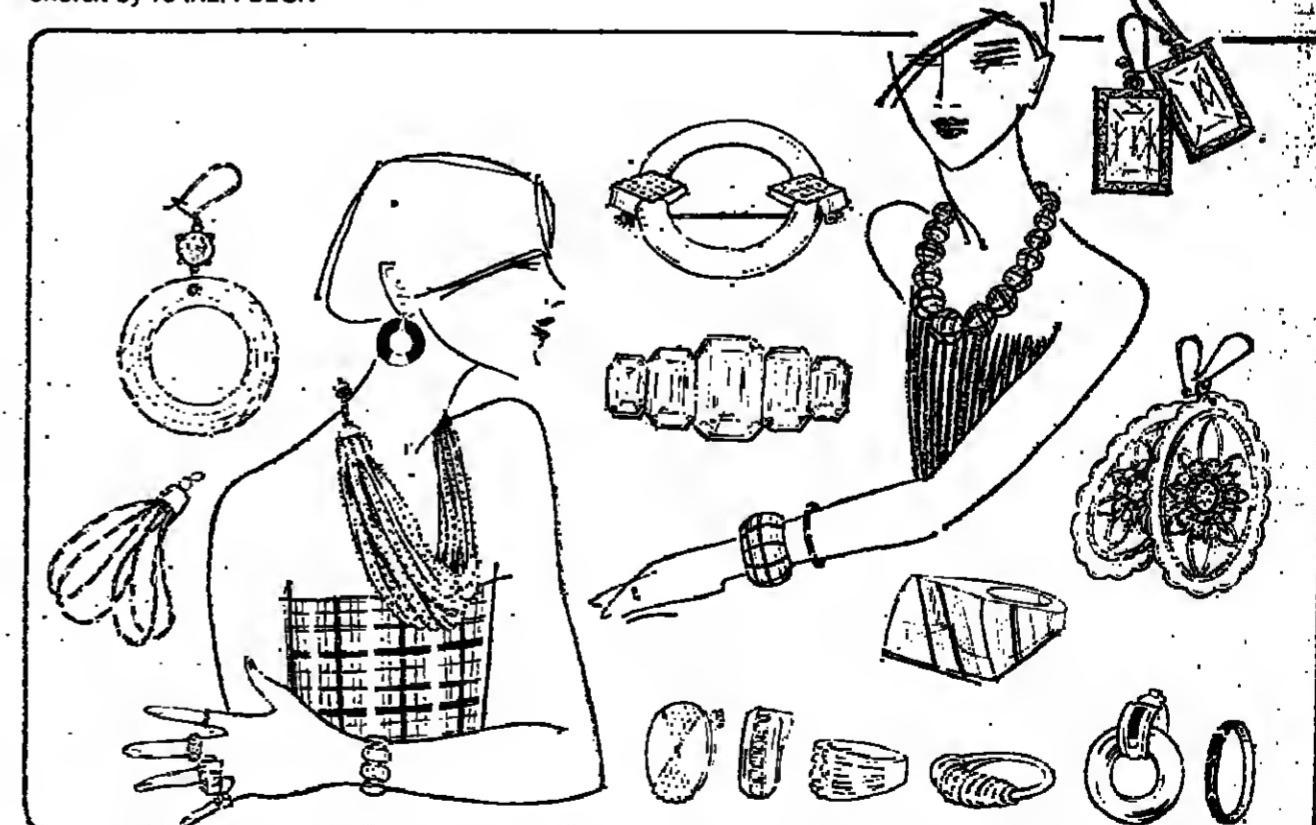
## Offer him mistletoe and he'd eat it.



Joe Willie 150

## THE FESTIVE SPARKLERS

Sketch by KAREN BECK



**SPARKLE** a-plenty is many men's easy Christmas Eve solution to the loved one's gift. This sketch of the current costume jewellery winners around London should steer him rock crystal. Lalique-look crystal is newer than solo diamanté, and copper is looming large for spring. Goodies here, from £1.95 up, should work for girlfriend gifts as well as those from well-heeled husbands.

SERENA SINCLAIR

SKETCHED, clockwise from far left: loop earrings, multi-coloured bugle beads, £1.95; Lucite gipsy drop with diamanté stone, £6.50; both from Liberty. Lalique-look circular brooch with twin diamanté diamonds, £35, from Ken Lane, South Molton Street, London W1.

On girl, right: Green, red and yellow tassel necklace, £17.95, bracelet £4.95, from Fenwick. Black ring £6 and bangle £12.50, from Ken Lane.

Engraved steel-framed glass rectangle earrings £5.95 and steel oval carvings sprinkled with diamanté £7.95, both from Fenwick.

Earrings, bottom sketch: quartered gold and

diamanté £19.50, tasseled clip earring, gold with strip of diamanté £11, gold with diamanté ring £17.50, ribbed gold with centre of diamanté £13.25, earclip in silver with gold and jet top £22.50 and black matinee ring with gold notches £6, all from Ken Lane.

On girl, left: Multi-strand black seed-bead necklace (fastened with silk cord) £15.95 from Liberty. Mock copper stretch bracelet from the same store £7.95, wood and silver carring £5.95.

Centre of drawing: five-stones mock-topaz brooch £4.95, from Fenwick, and (below girl's arm) mock-Satin striped plastic ring £3.95, from Liberty.



## The new country that is so proud of its heritage



### STAYING DOWN ON THE FARM

**A**N EXCELLENT way of getting to know the countryside and people of New Zealand is to stay on a working farm. You can live with a family, take part in the life of the farm, or make it easy as you wish; your hosts will take you around the places of interest in the district.

Typical of the farms offering hospitality is Monk Nressing (pictured above), the sheep-farm home of Mr and Mrs D. G. Simpson, where I stayed recently.

Farm Holidays, P.O. Box 11-137, Wellington, are agents for some 500 farms throughout New Zealand and do seven-night, full-board packages, with Hertz car hire, for about £320 per person.

Pictures by ANTHONY KERSTING

**O**N the outskirts of modern Auckland is Howick Colonial Village, a beautifully preserved "fencible" settlement of 19th-century early colonial days.

"Fencibles" were retired soldiers who were given a free passage, land and a cottage and who formed themselves into companies to protect the new town of Auckland from attack by native Maoris.

Not all Howick's cottages are original, but all have come from nearby sites and been faithfully re-erected.

New Zealand is increasingly aware of the need to preserve its heritage, even though, in a "new" country, this seldom dates back much more than 100 years.

In Auckland itself, three fine colonial houses, Alberton, Highwic and Ewelme Cottage, all date from the 1860s. They now belong to the Historic

Places Trust and are furnished in the style of their period.

In 1862 the Governor, Sir George Grey, built a country house on Kawau island. The Mansion House passed through various hands after Grey's death but has now been restored and furnished and is open daily.

It is a pleasant day's excursion from Auckland: a 40-mile drive to Warkworth and an hour's boat trip through the Hauraki Gulf.

Further north, on the

east coast of North Island, is the beautiful Bay of Islands. Here, at Waitangi, is one of the country's most historic buildings, the Treaty House, built by the British Resident, James Busby, in 1835.

It was here that, in

1840, the treaty between the Maori chiefs and the British was signed and New Zealand joined the British Empire. Now restored and furnished, the house is open daily.

On the other side of the bay, reached by car ferry, is the little town of Russell, known to the early settlement days as the "Hell Hole of the Pacific". Here, the Historic Places Trust administers Pomapillier House, an elegant, former mission printing house.

New Zealand's capital, Wellington, at the southern tip of North Island, can also claim an interesting survival: the government buildings of 1876, the world's second largest wooden building (after a Japanese temple). It demonstrates the successful translation into timber of the traditional stone

architecture of the early 19th century.

In South Island, many of the early buildings were built of stone, as opposed to wood in the North. Dunedin has two notable buildings: the 19th-century Gothic University of 1878, reminiscent of Glasgow, and the railway station of 1904.

A few miles from Dunedin stands New Zealand's only castle, Larnach, built by William Larnach in 1871 at a reputed cost of £150,000. Much of the material was brought from Europe and over 200 were employed.

After Larnach's death the fortunes of the castle declined but, 10 years ago, it was bought by Mr and Mrs Barry Barker, who have devoted their energies to restoring it, and open it daily.

● A sense of yesterday:  
FAR LEFT, the wooden columns and balcony of Kawau Island's Mansion House. TOP CENTRE, the Gothic University in Dunedin. LOWER CENTRE, Howick Colonial Village, a settlement in the suburbs of Auckland. ABOVE, Holly Lea, a palatial timber house in Christchurch.

Holly Lea, one of the most palatial timber houses in New Zealand, was built by Allan McLean in 1900. It is in Christchurch and the City Council is currently seeking a use which will ensure its preservation.

The best time to visit New Zealand is between November and March, when Air New Zealand's APEX return fare to Auckland is from £960.

### Awayday to the cobbles of Macau

By VIVIEN FLAXMAN

**M**ACAU, less than an hour by jettily from Hongkong, is thought to be next in line for takeover by China, which has sovereignty over this Portuguese-administered territory.

Founded by the Portuguese in 1557, the colony is the oldest permanent European settlement in Asia. In its early days it had a virtual monopoly of trade between China, Japan and Europe and served as a base for the introduction of Christianity.

While staying with friends in Hongkong, I took a day trip to Macau on my own. Armed with a map and guidebook and with patatas and avos (the local currency) in my purse I set out to explore by bus and on foot. The 40-mile jettily trip across the mouth of the Pearl River past tree-covered islands in the flat calm of the South China Sea took only 50 minutes and cost just over £10 return.

Taking a No. 3 bus at the

stop was at the Leal Senado, so-called because during the 60 years of Spanish occupation of Portugal in the 17th century it defiantly flew the Portuguese flag.

The Senate was once all-powerful and even exiled unpopular governors.

This fine example of traditional Portuguese architecture today houses the Municipal Council.

From the interior courtyard with blue tiles and white Portuguese tiles, a stone staircase leads up to the richly-decorated Senate chamber and its anteroom hung with portraits of governors.

Next to it is the library, with beautiful carved woodwork.

I climbed the winding cobbled streets of the old town to the most famous sight

in Macau, featured on all tourist posters: the spectacular facade of the ruined Church of St. Paul at the top of a long flight of steps.

Designed by an Italian Jesuit

and built by Japanese Christian artisans in the early 17th century, all but the front was burnt to the ground during a typhoon in 1835.

Next door is the Citadel of São Paulo do Monte, built on the same site.

The Jesuits are said to have lost it to an early governor who came to dinner and stayed on.

Not far away is the Campos Museum in the former headquarters of the Select Committee of the British East India Company.

I was disappointed to find it closed for repairs, as it

contains, among other things, some very good Chinese porcelain.

Next door is the Old Protestant Cemetery created by the East India Company in 1814, though

many of the graves are older,

having been moved there

from outside the city walls.

The elaborate monument to George Chinnery, the China Coast artist, bears a plaque placed there in 1974, the 200th anniversary of his birth.

Another famous figure buried there is Robert Morrison, who translated the Bible into Chinese and wrote the first English-Chinese dictionary. In this peaceful, faraway place there is an Anglican Chapel where services in English are conducted every Sunday.

There is also the modern civil, with tourist shops and street markets, though these were less interesting than those in Hongkong, plus four casinos with round-the-clock gambling, which are often all that tourists see of Macau.

A basic room and flights only Hongkong package from P&O Air Holidays costs from £552 for five nights; £623 for 12 nights. The Portuguese authorities charge 50 patacas (about £5) for a Macau visa on arrival.

## The Magic of Martinique

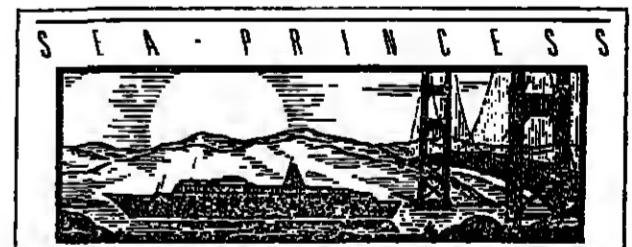
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## LABOUR TO THE SIDELINES

**MR GUMMER THINKS** it was "quite a good result in a by-election at this time." DAVID STEEL thinks it was "in the circumstances a very good result." Labour, like Possum, is layin' low and sayin' nothin'. All of which sums up the outcome of the Southgate by-election with a fair degree of accuracy. For the Government a majority of 5,000 on a 50 per cent poll is perfectly respectable; while for the Liberals a 50 per cent increase in their vote is rather more than just respectable. For Labour yet another lost deposit—their third in seven by-elections so far in this Parliament—is, quite simply, horrible. Eighteen months into HAROLD MACMILLAN'S second Administration Labour contrived a decent second place in all four simultaneous by-elections in safe Tory seats.

By-elections are of far more psychological than statistical significance. All sorts of special circumstances are liable to be magnified by the impact of tactical voting and the knowledge that the choice of Government is not at stake. Had the by-election been caused by the departure of the former Member for, let us say, the fleshpots of Brussels, instead of by his brutal murder in a terrorist outrage, all experience suggests it might have been a close-run thing. As it is the Government's business managers will disperse their troops for Christmas with a sigh of relief.

Yet if all the seven by-elections of this Parliament are assessed together one deduction begins to be apparent which is not—as yet—reflected in the regular opinion polls. And that is that over most of England, from the Borders to the Channel, the Labour party is beginning to appear as an irrelevance. In Scotland, the Welsh valleys, and some inner-city areas Labour's grip may still be unimpaired. But elsewhere the Alliance is widely perceived to be the challenger to Government. For the Tory party this is not a particularly reassuring message, since the fear of Labour's militants has long been a vital ingredient in the Tory vote. Yet for the country at large the confirmation that the battle lines in future will be drawn between two parties equally committed to promote a successful mixed economy would be a prize of great worth.

### SET FREE

**THE DECISION OF A FEDERAL JUDGE** in New York is that a convicted murderer, one Doherty, is not to be extradited because, in the words of Judge Spuzzo, "the facts of the case present the assertion of the political offence exception in its most classic form." From such classic forms and judges, good Lord deliver us. The man was convicted. The quality of an American law below the Supreme Court is of a genuinely mixed and uncertain sort, often good, often influenced by political factors. But the judge is able to make such a decision because the international law upon which it was based has archaic roots. The idea of the fugitive seeking political asylum or indeed evading persecution has great appeal here as well as in America. We are influenced by folk memories—of black slaves seeking the refuge of the free states, of Jews in flight from the pogroms of Tsarist Russia, indeed of those who have sought a decent life away from the repression of post-Tsarist Russia. With rare exceptions like the fearful Lienzmercy shown to Ukrainian refugees by the representative of the British Cabinet at the end of the war, we also warn of the idea of the refugee. But Doherty is a murderer. He has been convicted in a proper court of law. Only in the eyes of New York politics is he a refugee from brutal British colonial oppression. (New York, let us not forget, is a city in which it is thought impolitic for the Union flag to hang beside those of other allied countries.)

What should be done is obvious. Whether there is any point in doing it when dealing with a legal system as politically sensitive as that of America is another matter. International law should be amended, something which could be done in a short conference involving the liberal democracies. All that is required is that a prima facie case of murder or attempted murder should be expressly excluded from "political offence exception." We deport murderers. We expect other people to do so. Otherwise we are heading for a revenge situation in which a criminal with political entitlements who had killed in the United States, might cease to appear the indefensible offender he does today. The United States Government should know that British people, much patronised, but still wanting to be friends, feel greatly anger at this gross decision.

### Attention

By the Rev. MICHAEL STANCLIFFE  
Dean of Winchester

**REAL** listening requires not only expectancy but also giving all possible attention to the sounds we hear as long as they last. Obvious enough, and easily said; but less easily done, for attention is something which can quickly be lost—or, more accurately, drawn away—to something else.

At the root of the word is the idea of attention. Those hearing with attention are stretching towards one particular source of sound to the exclusion of all else. The listener is tuned in tightly, and still as stone, to receive the music, words or whatever. But there's nothing still about his mind which reaches out deliberately and continuously to those to whom he is listening. A speaker soon knows when he has the attention of his audience. They are "with him," and all ears. You can hear a pin drop. People listened to Jesus like that: they "hung upon his words" (Luke 19:48).

For many of us today the effort of such listening is too demanding. When our attention begins to wander we excuse ourselves that the speaker is inaudible, or doesn't make himself clear, or he is boring—we've heard it all before and there's nothing new to catch and hold our interest. So we switch off. Which is one another way of saying I can't be bothered to listen. If I don't get what I want loud, clear, fresh and quick I no longer have faith in the speaker that he will sooner or later say something—perhaps only one sentence of real relevance to me and not to be missed.

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When it comes to listening to God speaking to us in our prayers, through the Bible or through the words of his prophets, saints and present-day messengers, we may think we can hear nothing. Is the fault always in those who are his mouthpieces today? Or is it our own lack of attention?

I believe, and realise, that in this particular and very familiar extract from the Gospels to which I'm now attending God is saying something which he means for me in my personal situation as a Christian this very day? What is it?

Church Services Tomorrow—P8

### COMMENTARY

Ferdinand Mount

LIKE CHRISTMAS shopping and the football season, the Budget debate seems to grow longer every year. There used to be no more than a cursory discussion before Ash Wednesday. Now the hubbub is fortissimo by the preceding Advent.

This ought to be a good thing. If Mr Lawson really intends to put VAT on food or newspapers or to remove some of the concessions on savings schemes in order to reduce tax, then there should be a thorough public argument about it.

But in practice what tends to happen is a crude alternative of squawks from the relevant lobby and soothing pledges from the Prime Minister. Avenues are blocked off before they have been explored; stones are left distinctly unturned.

Mrs Thatcher has already promised not to tax V.A.T. on food (although tax-free food is V.A.T. free now, not to be moriturus intercessio relief and not to put VAT on new housing). Mr Lawson himself has promised not to tax lump-sum pension repayments retrospectively (which suggests he might still tax them prospectively).

All this is a natural response to political pressure. It is under the same pressure that the Prime Minister has reiterated her belief that income tax cuts are the answer to unemployment.

Thus the Government appears to be drifting towards a tricky situation. Within a sound fiscal policy, there will be little room to cut taxes if Mr Lawson is not allowed to raid the tax privileges and exemptions which still disfigure the system, and what room there is (Mr Lawson's famous £1,500 million) will be taken up in raising the income tax thresholds for everybody.

That will not do—either for the unemployed or for the Government.

Raising income tax thresholds by a relatively trifling amount will have an even more trifling effect on unemployment. To put it in figures: £1,500 million off income tax is reckoned to produce only about 50,000 extra jobs.

If the same £1,500 million were spent on the Community Programme for the long-term unemployed, it would provide work for 500,000 people and probably more.

Indeed, that sort of expenditure would carry the Government quite close to abolishing involuntary unemployment for the million-plus people who have been out of work for a year or more. There would be something to do for everyone who felt like it.

The Community Programme is very far from perfect. Its worst feature (originating from the involvement of the TUC) is that the local union rate for the job has to be paid. Thus the programme gets the worst of both worlds. While the (mostly part-time) work it offers is still written off by some Ministers as "not real jobs," it is remunerated at all too real rates of pay.

Yet a canal or coastal path cleared, or a pensioner's loft insulated, or an allotment dug is just as much a real addition to the nation's wealth as any other service performed.

Rumours of the death of the work ethic have been much exaggerated. It is in tune with most people's sense of justice that the State should offer "fallback work," just as it offers fallback income to people who have lost their jobs—not least because it is the State's own tangle of taxes and regulations which is largely responsible for the rise of unemployment in the first place.

The Chinese authorities panicked last week and corrected the statement in the *People's Daily* that "we cannot depend on the works of Marx and Lenin to solve our modern-day questions." The statement apparently should have read "all of our modern-day questions."

The correction is much less important than it seems. For we are still left with the crucial preamble: "Marx died 100 years ago. His works are now only a century old."

The memory of Marx from dominoed to an important nineteenth-century banker is far more damaging to Marxism than any refutation by Western scholars, however brilliant.

For the Chinese are thereby denying the claims of Marxism to be a science which is the key to all truth. To shove Marx firmly back into his times and so to endow him with the prejudices and blindnesses of his contemporaries—is the first step to putting him on the shelf.

THERE IS something about lunch in the dining-car. Perhaps it is the brown Windsor soup served in the heavy British Rail china. Or the strange white sauce which envelopes the fish. I know it is the radishes and the celery which come with the cheese—and the feeling of being away from it all.

Not unnaturally, British Rail is moving briskly to deal with this remnant of the pleasures of rail travel.

In the New Year, in order to "improve the service" on the London Midland region, first-class passengers will be served "airline-style" meals in their seats. Second-class travellers will have to queue in the buffet.

In a statement which wins the Newspeck Challenge Cup for 1984, British Rail explain: "The experiment in modular catering will provide a far better service."

Why, so it will. If modular catering be the food of love, play on, give us excess of it.

TIM HEALD catches up with Geoffrey Moorhouse

## A Cook's tour to a North West Frontier

AS Geoffrey Moorhouse remarked wryly the other day, literary London might almost be on the verge of regarding him as a "real writer"—not the same as a poet or a playwright, of course, but several times up the esteem scale from being a mere journalist which is what he was before he took to books.

He now finds himself the winner of this year's Thomas Cook award for travel writing, a thoroughly well-deserved accolade for his book about the North-West Frontier. It's curious that so little attention has been paid to this because since Paul Theroux published his first book of train journeys, travel writing has become positively fashionable.

A year or so ago he left his home and haunts in Hertfordshire and London and moved to Gayle, a little huddle of houses in Wensleydale which Nikolaus Pevsner says is "almost as intricate as an Italian stone village." There on his own North West Frontier he lives with Marilyn, the third Mrs Moorhouse, in a sturdy 200-year-old house which, when I visited him, withstood the buffeting gale with never a creak or rattle.

It seemed a rather appropriate home for a man who once rode a camel across the Sahara. You have to be slightly bloody-minded and a little bit baty to pull that off, and I felt a bit like that about Gayle and the Moorhouse house. Baty to build anything in such a wilderness, however beautiful; bloody-minded to survive.

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PART of the attraction of the setting is the walking. At the end of the garden is a signpost. The left pointing arm says "Pennine Way" and so does the right. Like any self-respecting winner of a Thomas Cook award, he's a serious walker and on a blustery November morning took me up the Pennine Way to Ten End round Dodd Fell and back down the Cam Road, part of the Roman road from Lancaster to Richmond, and then home down the steep slope of Wether Fell. Eighteen miles.

Every so often we would stop for a piece of Kendal mint cake and he would wave his stick expansively in the direction of Whernside and Widdale or Langstrothdale Chase or some other bluntly craggy northerly named feature and shout "Aren't I lucky?" into the teeth of the gale.

"To the Frontier," Hodder and Stoughton, £9.95.

### From Russia with laughs—and the KGB

**MIKHAIL GORBACHEV**, the Kremlin number two, comes to London today with a delegation of 21 including several so-called Soviet M.P.s, two generals, his own doctor and Leonid Zamyanin his Press spokesman.

Zamyanin, head of the Communist party's international information department, became the laughing stock among western correspondents in Moscow by insisting that his boss should offer "fallback work," just as it offers fallback income to people who have lost their jobs—not least because it is the State's own tangle of taxes and regulations which is largely responsible for the rise of unemployment in the first place.

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The KGB man with the delegation is Major General N. D. Rogov, officially described as Gorbachov's "chief of staff."

But my man-to-watch is Ivan Strelenko, a coal-miner from the Donbas region which has contributed generously to Scargill's strike-funds. Will he want to join a picket? Will he publicly back Comrade Scargill?

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CLAUDE TAUTINGER, the champagne house patriarch, has been telling me of some of the problems which go with possessing a name associated with the finer things of life.

Recently, on a trip to America, he was surprised to come upon a restaurant which bore his jealousy-surfaced family name. Curious, he entered the place and gave it the Gallic once-over.

The proprietor sensing with a sinking heart that Tautinger did not take to what he saw, tried to bluster his way out saying: "Buddy, I stole your name but you gotta be flattered."

Tautinger was not—he is suing.

Protecting interests

BRITISH TELECOM, in its privately-owned form might like to take a leaf from the book of the Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation which recently had a cable fire which cut off 84,000 subscribers in the Tokyo suburb of Setagaya-ku.

The corporation despatched 1,700 employees to bow deeply, offer a letter of apology and explanation, and present a towel as a token gift to each of the affected customers.

No stalling

HORSES ARE rarely known for their memory but the remarkable recall of this pair in a first world war gun team, Jones and Joubert, is justly recorded in *Regimental Heritage*, a new book celebrating the Royal Artillery.

The two horses left Aldershot in



"It was my university," he says. He quickly became its chief feature writer and travelled the world interviewing the great and the interesting. He was in Czechoslovakia in 1968; interviewed Eldridge Cleaver in Algiers; was with Nikolaus Pevsner (a particular hero) when he visited his final building; and he has the good journalist's anecdotes and memories to match. Penelope Mortimer, who met him in Canada, even put him in a novel. "It was very well done," he says ruefully. "Quite accurate, amiable, well meaning, a bit wet."

"But you don't think you're wet?"

Another rueful grin. "Well no. I don't actually."

He started writing books in the early sixties. He's done cricket, about which he's passionate, and diplomats and India several times because he's passionate about that too, and the trans-Sahara camel ride and a year spent working on a New Zealand fishing boat. The next project is New York and somehow he intends dragging himself away from his beloved dale to live briefly in Brooklyn Heights and spend time with the city police force and find out about Harlem.

It's good that he's started winning prizes but he remains in some unfashionable way a rather unfashionable writer. Perhaps it's because he is so unflashy and professional enough to disguise his skill and industry which go into his work; though that makes him sound dull, which he isn't.

And much as he plausibly adores the new home he has found in his native north he'll never quite escape the lure of abroad or most precisely India. He has just discovered the south. Did you know that St Francis Xavier is buried in Old Goa and Doubting Thomas in Madras?" The information hangs in the air, perplexing and curious reverence he shows for Bolton Waoderers and Lancashire cricket.

1914 and served in France throughout the war and were never sick or sorry.

They returned to England in November 1919. When they arrived back on the square of the barracks which they had left five years before the battery commander had the pair unhooked and set loose while all watched to see what would happen.

They both walked composedly forward and went straight, not only to their old stable, but into their old stalls.

Measured delivery

ONE OF THE Post Office's most prestigious rounds—delivering Hansard every morning to M.P.s within three miles of Westminster—known colloquially as "on the stones" because of the area's formerly cobbled streets—is to be taken over by Commons staff, saving the taxpayer thousands of pounds.

Commons staff already deliver the Vote to M.P.s daily and they are now expected to double-up and take on the Hansard run at the same time, with a considerable saving in Parliamentary costs early in the New Year.

Such is the demand for Lord Stockton's maiden speech in the House of Lords that subscribers to Hansard may have a valuable collector's item. The text of his speech has been reprinted twice and has again gone out of stock. There are no plans to reprint so, I predict, it will soon command a considerable premium among collectors of political memorabilia.

Peer on the beat

LORD NELSON, the 9th Earl, took his seat in the House of Lords this week adding to the Upper House's already sizeable police presence as he is a detective sergeant in the Hertfordshire force.

The Earls, who always proudly boast that they have far greater practical expertise than the Commons, now have three serving policemen.

Lord Calverley, a member of the West Yorkshire Police, can speak with authority about the picket lines in the coal strike, the 7th Earl of Rosslyn is in the Metropolitan police while Lord Strathnaver was a member of the same force for five years.

Lord Ingledew, who speaks on police matters, tells me that he was turned down as a "special" in Britain. So in order to get some practical experience of day-to-day policing he signed up as a "special" with the German force.

Time is out of joint...

"HAVE YOU tried our rural Sunday lunches?" asks an advertisement for the Ship Inn at Acland-Malby near York. "Monday to Saturday evening—last orders 9.30 p.m."

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## Tax bill may force sale of Kedleston and its treasures

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estate Correspondent

KEDLESTON HALL, in Derbyshire, considered one of the finest stately homes in Europe, is in danger of being sold and its priceless furniture and paintings dispersed.

Urgent talks were being held last night between the Government and its agencies in an effort to halt the break-up of the estate, the home of the Curzons for more than 850 years.

This followed a High Court move yesterday by the trustees of the estate, valued at more than £20 million. The young guidance on paying £2,500,000 in Capital Transfer Tax.

Tax interest liabilities of more than £400 a day are mounting up after the death of the 2nd Viscount Scarsdale in 1977.

Trustees have offered Kedleston Hall and some of its paintings and furniture in lieu of payment. The Government has been asked to purchase more of the historic contents of Kedleston to save them for the nation.

The trustees went to the High Court for guidance on paying the Inland Revenue, while safeguarding the interests of the present Lord Scarsdale and his five children. It was a formal application. A full hearing could be held next spring.

### Options faced

To meet the tax bill, the trustees are faced with the following options:

To make it over to the Government, with the National Trust taking over.

Partial transfer to the Government of the house, paintings, furniture and land;

A combination of Government take-over and sale of part of the estate and house.

Complete sale of the estate, with Kedleston and its contents, to a single purchaser;

Break-up of the estate, house and its contents to several purchasers.

The estate's trustees said: "Over a year ago we offered the hall, its parklands and some of the principal contents to the nation in lieu of tax liabilities.

"Because we have not received an offer from the

## Register 'to protect historic gardens'

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estates Correspondent

IN a move to gain statutory recognition and control of historic gardens in England the first register of historic parks and gardens was launched in London by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, the chairman of English Heritage.

He said: "We hope that shortly the gardens of England might get the protection they deserve."

Gardens, which have enjoyed increasing popularity, are now considered part of the national heritage, in the same way as buildings, paintings and furniture.

Lord Montagu, announcing one of English Heritage's major initiatives since its formation earlier this year, said: "This register should highlight their importance to developers and other statutory bodies, and act as an early warning against ill-considered development."

### Alert planners

He added: "The register will, for example, alert highway planners when new highway proposals might run through an important historic park or garden and it will allow them to draft alternatives."

Work on the register began with the Historic Buildings Council for England, under the chairmanship of Mrs Jennifer Jenkins, which ceased to exist in April, when its responsibilities were transferred to the new Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, known as English Heritage.

The register is being compiled on a county-to-county basis and entries for the first 10 counties have now been issued, listing over 200 parks and gardens. Entries for the whole of England should be complete by the end of 1986.

It includes gardens belonging to public and civic bodies, local councils and to organisations such as the National Trust, as well as to private owners.

### Historic features

English Heritage is responsible for a number of gardens which will qualify for the new register. They include Wrest Park, Bedfordshire, the gardens at Audley End, Essex, and those at Belsay Hall, Northumberland.

The register covers gardens and parks with historic features dating from 1750 or earlier which are graded with the same symbols as are used for statutorily listed buildings. Existing planning and listed building consent is not affected by the register which does not carry statutory controls.

Lord Montagu, however, is confident that within the near future gardens will be given the same protection.

To emphasize the importance attached to the gardens and parks as part of England's heritage, the Commission has appointed its own Gardens Inspector, Dr Christopher Thacker, former editor of *Garden History*.

Inclusion in the register has



Miss Di Francis with the Big Black Beast of the Highlands—stuffed.

## CUNARD CRUISE CANCELLED

By JOHN PETTY  
Shipping Correspondent

DISCOVERY of a small crack in the hull of the QE 2 has helped to delay completion of the ship's £5 million refit in West Germany and caused cancellations of a weekend cruise for which 1,450 people had paid fares of between £145 and £565.

Cunard contacted intending passengers yesterday to tell them the voyage round the English Channel was off, with full refund of money up to £100 voucher to set against a future cruise in the £6,000-ton liner.

Most of the passengers booked were from areas in easy reach of Southampton and they are being offered a free lunch and a party on the ship there tomorrow.

The liner is now expected to reach Southampton from Bremerhaven tonight. Although the refit was due in Germany, most of the value of the work to refurbishing was placed with British firms. About 400 British workers have been in Germany helping do the job.

### Hull cut open

The refit went to Hapag-Lloyd for the second year running because Vosper Thorofer in Southampton could not compete on time or price.

The tiny crack was repaired in drydock in Bremerhaven. The hull had been cut to get economists through the side of the ship and into the boiler room to reduce fuel consumption. But Cunard stressed that this cutting was not the cause of the crack.

There also appeared to have been some problem in upgrading air-conditioning and this was a contributory cause of the delay.

The ship is due to depart on 20-day Christmas cruise to the Caribbean but should have no problems on that.

Meanwhile, Cunard is to call for price-quotations for putting new engines into the ship.

"She is now about 15 years old and is costly in terms of fuel consumption," states Sir Nigel Brookes, chairman of Trafalgar House, which owns Cunard.

The contract could cost £50 million, including lost revenue while the liner was out of operation for up to three months. The work, if ordered, would start in November, 1986.

### SEA-ING IN 1985

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## PROBATION FOR BBC RADIO PRODUCER

By OUR BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

A BBC radio drama producer, Brian Muller, 43, was put on probation for two years at Bristol yesterday for two incidents on air, one of which involved a child.

Muller, married with one child, Queen Victoria Road, Clifton, Bristol, had admitted both charges at an earlier hearing.

We recently produced a radio version of "Great Expectations" and another drama,

"The Essential History of Troy Town." Both will be broadcast in the New Year. His production of "Our Man in Havana" won the Sony award for the best radio actor for John Neatley.

JETHOU ISLE SOLD

The 50-acre private Channel Island of ethou, three miles from Guernsey, has been sold for an undisclosed sum to Mr Anthony Burkhardt, the Jersey resident of Jethou — who is Crown property — was offered for sale a year ago for upwards of £500,000 by Lady Hayward, widow of Sir Charles Hayward, the philanthropist.

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## LAY HEAD FOR STONYHURST

By Our Education Correspondent

Stonyhurst College, the Jesuit boarding school, has appointed the first lay headmaster since its foundation in 1593. Dr Giles Mercer, 35, director of studies at Shrewsbury School, is to succeed Father Michael Bossy when he retires in September.

Dr Mercer is a Roman Catholic and is married. His son, Edward, seven, is expected to attend St Mary's Hall, the Jesuit preparatory school that stands on the same site as Stonyhurst.

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## VAT plan 'may cost 5,000 print jobs'

By OUR BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

VALUE ADDED TAX on newspapers and books will put 5,000 printing jobs at risk, the British Printing Industries Federation claimed yesterday in report to be presented to Mr Lamont, Industry Minister.

Mr Stanley Bradley, director-general, said the study showed the imposition of 15 per cent VAT would make many specialist titles uneconomic and reduce exports.

On any basis a VAT to all books, newspapers and periodicals would raise considerably more revenue. Mr Harlow, Treasury Minister of State, puts the figure at £575 million in a full year at 1984-85 prices.

The government has received 500 protests about a VAT extension to reading material, and more are on the way.

### ULSTER SUBSIDY

By Our Political Staff

The Treasury direct subsidy to Northern Ireland has risen from £74 million in 1982-83 to £1,505 million last year and £1,507 million under the current budget. Dr Rhodes Boyson, Ulster Minister of State, said yesterday.

## RECTOR IN CAR CASE QUIT

By Our Churches Correspondent

The Rev. Peter Ronouf, placed on probation for two years at Sussex Crown Court last month after pleading guilty to damaging a woman's car with intent to endanger life, has resigned from his living as rector of St Peter's, Farborough, Hampshire.

In a statement, the Bishop of Guildford, the Rt Rev. Michael Adle, said: "It is clear that Peter Ronouf needs a period of time free from heavy responsibility so that he may benefit from his psychiatric treatment. I have therefore accepted his immediate resignation from St Peter's on medical grounds."

## MAIL HOLD-UP

By Our Auckland Correspondent

New Zealand dockers, whose

week-long strike over manning

levels has crippled container

terminals, are expected to re-

turn on Monday, but there is

little hope that all the overseas

mail affected, much of it from

Britain, will be delivered for

Christmas.

## AGENTS ARRESTED

Two Italian intelligence

agents said to have been

watching

for an

espionage

and financial charges have been

arrested by Swiss police, and

after a formal hearing they are

being held pending further

inquiries.—Reuter.

## Six sacked in closed shop row share £55,000

By JOHN WILLIAMS

SIX employees sacked by Labour-controlled Hull city council for refusing to join a trade union are to share £55,000 compensation awarded by the European Commission for Human Rights, it emerged yesterday.

Their dismissal came after the council introduced a closed shop policy in 1978.

Public sympathy resulted in a 40,000 signature petition on their behalf, and five of the men soon found other jobs.

The sacked men were: PETER ARMSTRONG, 38, of West End, Swindon; RAYMOND LYONS, of Twyford Street; THOMAS EATON, of Twyford Close; BRIAN FOSTER, of Langtree Close, Brackenhurst; all of Hull; and ALAN WILKINSON, of Main Street, Willerby.

They lost appeals against the sackings which became effective when they did not join a union within a specified time.

But in October, 1980, following the European Commission's ruling in the case of three sacked British Rail workers and the passing of the Employment Act, Mr Philip Hamer, solicitor for the six men, sought either reinstatement or compensation from the city council.

"We're delighted"

Mr Hamer said yesterday that the average time for dealing with similar cases by the European Commission was five to seven years.

"We're delighted," he said. "It means that the law can never be changed back to the position it was in 1978 when you could lose your job for not joining a union if you did not want to."

The decision settled beyond doubt that the sacking of Hull men was also in breach of the convention, he added.

The amount which each of the six men is to receive has yet to be apportioned and depends on salary and length of service. It will take into account lost earnings and pension rights.

The Government has to pay compensation because they were found to be in breach of Article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights in allowing the dismissals.

## MAN DIES IN FIRE

A pensioner died in a fire at his home yesterday. Mr Stanley Turner, 79, collapsed after falling down the stairs of his terraced cottage in Kelvedon, Essex, as he fled from a fire in his bedroom.

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## STOCK EXCHANGE Equities scale the peaks

INSTITUTIONAL investors yesterday returned to stock markets with a vengeance, encouraged by the possibility that the scope for tax cuts in the Budget may rise to £3 billion.

Fund managers, keen to reduce their liquidity before the calendar year end, naturally directed their attention to consumer issues.

Breweries, stores and foods were to the fore. The sudden upsurge in demand impinged on a market extremely short of stock and was sufficient to send the main indices into uncharted waters.

Closing quotes were a shade below the day's best levels but the "30" index settled 7.8 points up at a peak of 935.4, after 933.1, while the "100" index closed 8.1 better at 1204.8, after 1207.9.

Interest in the gilt-edged market was extremely low with short-dated stocks closing with falls of 1%, or £1. Index-linked issues, too, were out of favour and gave up the previous day's gains of £2.

In the blue chip range, Imperial Chemical Industries continued to attract support in the wake of the acquisition of the American Beatrice Companies' chemical division; the shares touched 724p in fairly hectic trading before closing 24 higher at 712p. B.C.C. Hardened 3 to 260p in sympathy, while Grand Metropolitan were wasted ahead of next Thursday's results and put on 10 to 315p.

Takeover fever was alive and well with Powell Duffryn surging 80 to 420p, after 421p, following the unwelcome bid from Hanson Trust, unchanged at 239p. Joseph Causton climbed 29 to 105p on the possible merger with Norton Opax. 5 better at 148p, but Cecil Gee were sold down to 165p prior to closing 10 lower at 180p as news that the bid talks were off.

### Stores soar

Stores showed double figure gains with Dixons outstanding at 507p, an improvement of 50p. Home Charter jumped to 272p prior to settling 21p ahead at 260p, while British Home Stores put on 14 to 276p.

The insurance sector was again at fever pitch awaiting developments in connection with Hambros Life, Charterhouse, Rothschild, which holds 24.9% p.c. of Hambros life, were supported to 100p before closing 6 higher at 99.5p, while among life issues, Sains were outstanding and jumped 22 to 759p.

On the enlisted securities market, Pineapple, Dance Studios, edged up 2 to 70p following the preliminary results, while Pervoline rose 10 to 255p in response to the Newstead communications acquisition. Body Shop came in for some lively trading and closed 45 up at 470p after favourable Press comment.

Speculative demand prompted a more modest rise of 3 to 25p in Peck Hutton, while a broker in the year provided the inducement to Coalite, 6 better at 215p. Isolated response to the acquisition news and profits forecast saw Boosey, Massimo Pollini jump 50 to 655p, but John Waddington, in the wake of the B.P.C. bid failure, were sold down to 455p before a partial recovery left the final quote 10 off at 455p.

Seasonal influences underpinned the market in Bernard Pinnings, 3 firmer at 257p, but Unisys met light offerings and eased 4 to 147p, following comment relating to the disappointing half-yearly results. Reckitt & Colman were wanted and moved up 7 to 575p on the results of the Australian subsidiary.

A resurgence of institutional support lifted British Telecom through the £1 barrier to close 3 ahead at 101p, while sympathetic gains of 6 were seen in Cable & Wireless, at 438p.

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## Powell Duffryn rejects £151m Hanson offer

By JOHN RUDOFSKY

THE ever-acquisitive Hanson Trust yesterday launched a £151 million bid for Powell Duffryn, itself an industrial conglomerate whose latest assets were hit by the miners' strike. Lord Saundin, chairman of Powell Duffryn and a deputy chairman of National Westminster quickly dubbed the offer "unwelcome and clearly inadequate."

He said the board was unanimous in rejecting the offer and the market had already given its verdict of the bid. He urged shareholders to take no action.

Hanson Trust is offering an all-share deal. It is bidding four of its own shares for every three Powell Duffryn. When the shares slipped to 280p, the market makes offer worth 384p a share.

Bob Powell Duffryn shares shot up 20p to 420p on the news with stock market speculators immediately concluding Hanson Trust will be forced to pay a little more to win.

Hanson has held a modest stake in its new target for 18 months. It owns 3.1 p.c. at the offer price and though earlier it was 4.6 p.c.

Lord Saundin put in a request to meet his opposite number after making his takeover move. He said yesterday: "Our reason for acting swiftly is the recent speculative increase in Powell Duffryn's share price."

In fact although the shares jumped 15p on Thursday, Hanson Trust has long been tipped a likely bidder. Powell Duffryn even took the precaution earlier in the summer of swapping its brokers from Faro Govett, who also act for Hanson Trust to Rowe & Pitman.

Why did Hanson choose

These deals culminated in Hanson's announcement this month announcing taxable profits soaring to £169 million from £91 million in the year to the end of September.

Although the absorption of Powell Duffryn into its empire would not raise the monopoly powers of Hanson Trust in any of its markets, the sheer size and regularity of its acquisitions may just make this deal the one the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is asked to investigate.

## Charter gets £38m from Minorco sale

By TOM KYTE

CHARTER Consolidated's cash for cash continues with the placid of over half of the company's stake in Mineral Resources Corporation (Minorco), for an aggregate consideration of £38 million.

Charter has sold seven million shares in Minorco at around 550p each, with just under half of the shares of 3.25 million shares taken up by Anglo-American Corporation, which, with de Beers, already has a controlling interest in Minorco.

The balance of the shares was sold through the market but it appears that De Beers has taken no further interest in the company.

Proceeds will reduce borrowings, provide working capital and finance new investment but the placing comes at a time when Charter would have placed its minorco stake if market conditions had been suitable.

Charter is expected to make further divestments including its remaining Minorco stake, valued at £36 million, and its holding in Malaysian Tin Dressing, valued at £30 million.

### Spot oil prices edge higher

OIL PRICES improved slightly in this spot market trading yesterday but there was little comfort for ministers from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries ahead of their next half-yearly meeting in Geneva on Wednesday.

Brent oil, the North Sea market, edged above the \$27 a barrel mark for delivery next month but was being quoted at \$28.90 for shipment in February, a discount of \$1.75 on the official price of \$26.65.

Oil ministers will consider proposals to increase the price of heavy oil which has been selling at a premium, but Saudi Arabia is resisting pressure to cut the \$23 a barrel limit of which has been at a discount.

Despite the poor cash inflow last month, societies are untroubled. They knew that Telecom's effect would be over by the end of the month, and mortgage demand is falling.

## Felixstowe placing to raise £20m

By JOHN PETTY

A "BACKDOOR" way for the public to get direct investment in Felixstowe, Britain's most successful port, was announced yesterday by European Ferries with a £20 million placing of preference shares in Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company.

Brokers Fielding Newsom-Smith is placing the 200,000 preference units at £101 each with institutions but they are expected to start trading on the Stock Exchange next Wednesday.

European Ferries owns 99.89 p.c. of Felixstowe Dock and Railway, with workers holding the majority of the other shares.

"The money will help finance development of Trinity container terminal to be completed in mid-1986," said Euroferries. "The units each cost £101.65 p.c. cumulative, redeemable preference shares 2000-2010, of £1 each (payable as to 50p per share on application and the balance on June 28) and one cumulative redeemable participating preference share 2000-2010 of £1, payable in full on application."

They added that a gross yield of 12.1 p.c. would have been received on the preference units if they had been fully paid for 1984.

## SATURDAY COMMENT

THE tragedy of Bhopal sheds a lurid light on the relationships between multinational companies headquartered in the industrial West and the far away Third World countries in which they operate. Curiously enough, both the Soviet news agency Tass and the American lawyers who have gone to India to canvass for clients to make compensation claims have the same view of what is involved.

Tass said the disaster was "the logical consequence of the general policy pursued by multinational corporations which market low-quality products and outdated technology in developing countries." One of the American lawyers used virtually the same language: "We feel American technology created this disaster. Now let them stand up in the courts for the damage they caused."

This analysis, however, has very limited validity. It was a fair description of the behaviour of some international companies. European as well as American, up to the mid 1960s or even the early 1970s. But since then almost every developing country (including India) has imposed tight restrictions on the activities of foreign companies. Bhopal illustrates that this new relationship is also unsatisfactory.

Explanations for the appalling loss of life have to be sought in the equipment and specification of the plant itself, in the competence of the staff and in the precautions, if any, that were taken to protect the local population from mishaps. On the first of these questions, Union Carbide has changed its tune. To begin with, the company emphasised that the Bhopal plant was identical to its big operation in

## Grim Bhopal lessons for the multinationals

West Virginia making the same product.

Thus the chairman, Warren Anderson, was in India: "Somebody has to say that our safety standards in the United States are identical to those in India, or Brazil, or some place else . . . same equipment, same design, same everything." From this you would draw the conclusion that the Indian company was fully integrated into Union Carbide's worldwide activities.

### 'Affiliate'

But a few days later, the company's comments took on quite a different tone. Now the emphasis was on the fact that Union Carbide owned only a bare majority of the Indian company's shares—50.9 p.c. It was referred to as an "affiliate" rather than as a subsidiary, it is legal status. Now it was stressed that the Indian unit had been responsible for the detailed design of the Bhopal plant and selection of equipment. In any case Union Carbide itself had no detailed plans. This time Bhopal was described as if it was merely a licensee of an American process.

There are indeed other forces

pressing in the same direction. The Third World debt crisis taught the foolishness of repelling risk capital in favour of bank credit. The plight of sub-Saharan Africa emphasises the need for Western expertise. In this context comes Bhopal.

By Andreas Whitem Smith

Union Carbide itself well knew what to do, for in West Virginia local residents are warned of possible dangers, told to watch out for various flashing light alarms and whistles and their local police have an evacuation plan.

In Bhopal the Indian authorities had likewise been put on notice that the plant was dangerous. It is widely reported that the local trades unions had organised protests. Two years ago, according to one local newspaper account, the union posted up posters stating the factory was making gas but did not use safety measures.

Even a cursory examination, then, strongly suggests that the Bhopal disaster has no simple cause. Union Carbide itself, the Indian management, the local authorities, all these parties in some way failed. And perhaps the underlying reason is that multinational companies and their host countries have got themselves into a situation in which neither side feels fully responsible.

For the time being, dislike of foreign companies will have been magnified. And those within India and elsewhere who hate and fear modern technology will feel reinforced in their beliefs. But if Bhopal stimulates a reappraisal of the relationship between Western capital and Third World development, then something worthwhile will have been salvaged.

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## The City Pages pass 100p mark

IN THE City Pages on Monday

Frances Williams examines

the conflicting arguments

over import controls on tex-

tile and clothing as the time

for renegotiation of the Multi-

Fibre Arrangement approaches.

Last Thursday the Chancellor

promised not to tax lump

sums paid out to pensioners

for service already earned.

Clifford German looks at this

and the wider debate on tax-

ing pension funds.

From Washington Bobby Inman

a retired United States

admiral and a former deputy

director of the Central Intel-

ligence Agency, finds Lauren

Chambliss how he rounded

up 11 of America's fiercest

competitors in high technol-

ogy to set up a joint research

project.

Colin Campbell reporting from

Western Australia puts on

his hard hat, switches on his

radio and heads off to a faraway place like Bambooz Creek, "where gold

is everywhere." An almost forgotten takeover bid rolls to its conclusion next week. In the Question

column David Brewerton ex-

amines its chance of success.

There is already a shortage of

staff to program, operate and

design computers, and to

help install them in compa-

nies. Michael Beckett looks at

the implications.

Johnson Matthey is expected

to require £15 million cash to

underwrite its proposed share

issue while Cape is expected to

raise a further £15 million as

it issues shares in an attempt

to survive litigation.

After the placing Charter will

hold 5.7 p.c. of Minorco and

intend to retain its stake for

some time to come.

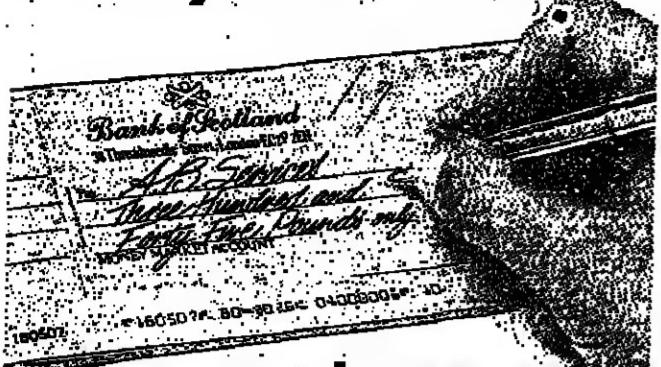
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### COMPANIES

#### Norton Opxax to bid for Causton

NORTON OPAX, the security and specialist printing group, is planning an underwritten share offer for printing, publishing and packaging group Sir Joseph Causton.

Both sides met yesterday afternoon to discuss Norton's options after it announced it spent £5.47 million on Thursday buying Fleet Holdings 21.6 p.c. stake in Causton at 55p a share.

Norton called on shareholders for £3 million with a one-for-three rights issue in July, to help finance investment in new technology and to reduce a debt-to-equity ratio then put at 130 p.c.

Before going to meet Causton chairman Christopher Bland, Norton chief executive Richard Hawell said the offer would be in the form of shares underwritten for cash.

Causton, capitalised at £17.4 million, with its shares up 25 at 105p, after 108p, yesterday, says it will keep shareholders informed of developments but meantime strongly recommends they take no action.

#### Alexander Russell

LATEST company to weigh in with miners' strike - scarred figures is Alexander Russell for the first half pre-tax outturn from this Glasgow headquartered engineering and marketing group is more than halved from £1.28m to £607,000. It continued to produce coal at all of its sites but could despatch very little due to picketing at some of its pits and the profits cannot be accounted for until the coal is sold.

The interim dividend is again 0.3p on January 31 from earnings of 1.9p (4.6p).

#### Daventports Brewery

FULL year pre-tax profits from Midlands based brewer Daventports are down from £2.75m to £2.6m, but this included just £75,000 this time from the surplus dividends received from its 50 per cent interest in a brewery against a £551,000 contribution. Turnover advanced from £54m to £55.5m.

Overall beer volumes were slightly down but there were higher profits from the increased free trade, take-home delivery and contract packaging. The board is projecting a further increase in trading profit for the current year.

#### Phoenix Timber

PHOENIX TIMBERS recovery has been checked during the half-year ended September by two dock strikes, a lower level of construction activity and the fall in the pound and the pre-tax outturn for the half is £100,000 down at £5.5m.

Below the line there are extra charges of £227,000 (£57,000) reflecting the closure of the loss-making West Yorkshire operation, which was particularly affected by the miners' strike, and the cutback of activities in the timber framed construction market.

Earnings are 5p off at 12p but the dividend is again 1.5p, payable Feb. 8.

#### Pineapple Dance

PINEAPPLE Dance Studios has ended 1983-84 with its pre-tax profits up 54 p.c. from £156,000 to £215,000 despite delays in the opening of two dance centres which were beyond the board's control. The delays were not all directly attributable to the miners' strike. Projected costs committed to the expansion had not paid and went on to make a profit of £100,000 from them.

The profits are struck after a net interest and similar income credit of £115,000 (£1,000). Holders get a same-agalo 1.5p dividend from earnings of 5.70p (8.85p).

#### Williams of Cardiff

JOHN WILLIAMS of Cardiff, the foundry and steel stockholding group, returned to profit at the operating level in 1983-84 with £1.57m, up 26.8 p.c. from £1.27m, cut its pre-tax loss from £1.58m to £70,000 and reduced net debt by £1.2m to £2.2m to £2.04m.

The offer reaches its second closing date next Wednesday. Nottingham has so far managed to buy 11 p.c.

With a loss per share of 5.18p (5.22p) the group stays out of the dividend list.

### COMMODITIES

#### LONDON METAL MARKETS

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Newspapers quote a "mid-price" for shares, but in fact, it is slightly higher price at which you would have to buy, and a slightly lower price at which you could sell; the difference covers the brokers' or dealers' costs and profits.

And, as our table shows, the difference between the bid and bid prices varies between 3p

per Telecom share at three licensed dealers, to just 1p at all the stockbrokers we contacted. Prices were taken at 4 p.m. last night.

The stockbrokers' prices are clearly lower than most licensed dealers, with only one of the five offering to sell shares at below the brokers' 100p, and none offering to buy at such a generous price as the 99½p. And for the small investor, of course, it is selling which is currently the most likely transaction sought.

While shares are still not registered, there is no stamp duty on purchases. When the shares are registered later next year, duty will add 1 p.c. to the cost of buying through either dealers or stockbrokers, just as for other shares.

The only other cost of using a licensed dealer is the contract

stamp of up to 60p on the whole deal. This applies to deals through brokers too, but they also charge their commissions.

Specially for the Telecom issue, a group of London and provincial brokers (including Quilter Goodison and Bristol's Stock Beech) who were among those quoting the 1p dealing spread last night have agreed to charge special rates to small investors until December 1986.

On sales with a value up to £300 that is those who asked for 200 shares (this special commission is £5, and on sales of up to £242 that is, 400 shares, at the moment) it is 15 p.c. VAT on that fee. That gives the buying and selling costs in the table's last line.

So at last night's share prices, one of the licensed dealers, Bill Woolgar, was the cheapest

place to buy 400 shares, with the stockbrokers a few pence cheaper than most other dealers and Ravendale Securities the most expensive.

To buy 800 shares, the stockbrokers were much more expensive since they charge conventional commissions. Their price was nearly £25 higher than the best dealer.

And selling through a broker last night would have given the worst value to someone with 400 shares and, give or take a few pennies, the worst deal no 800 shares.

So despite the licensed dealers' worse prices, they can be good value and their offer of no commission can be worthwhile taking up.

Richard Northedge

## Where are the British Telecom bargains?

	PRISES	Buying	400 shares	Sale	Buying	800 shares	Sale
Dealers	Offer Bid	Buying		Sale	Buying		Sale
Afco Inv	101 98½p	£404		£294	£788		£788
Cleveland Secs	101 98½p	£404		£292	£784		£784
Harvard Secs	101 98½p	£404		£392	£784		£784
Hill Woolgar	99½p 97½p	£398		£390	£796		£790
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Individuals who unknowingly overdraw their accounts, or who realise they are broke, but still write cheques, are not going to give a good impression.

If the student had drawn up a budget, on a weekly basis, until the end of term and realistically borne in mind that end of term activities can result in a higher than usual expenditure he is in a better position to ask for an overdraft.

If there is a large shortfall, the clearly economies will have to be made. Even if the budget does not balance by a relatively small amount, think carefully before borrowing funds. If money is expected from a holiday job, or as a Christmas gift, it may be considered worthwhile to anticipate future "income."

Before borrowing consider two important points:

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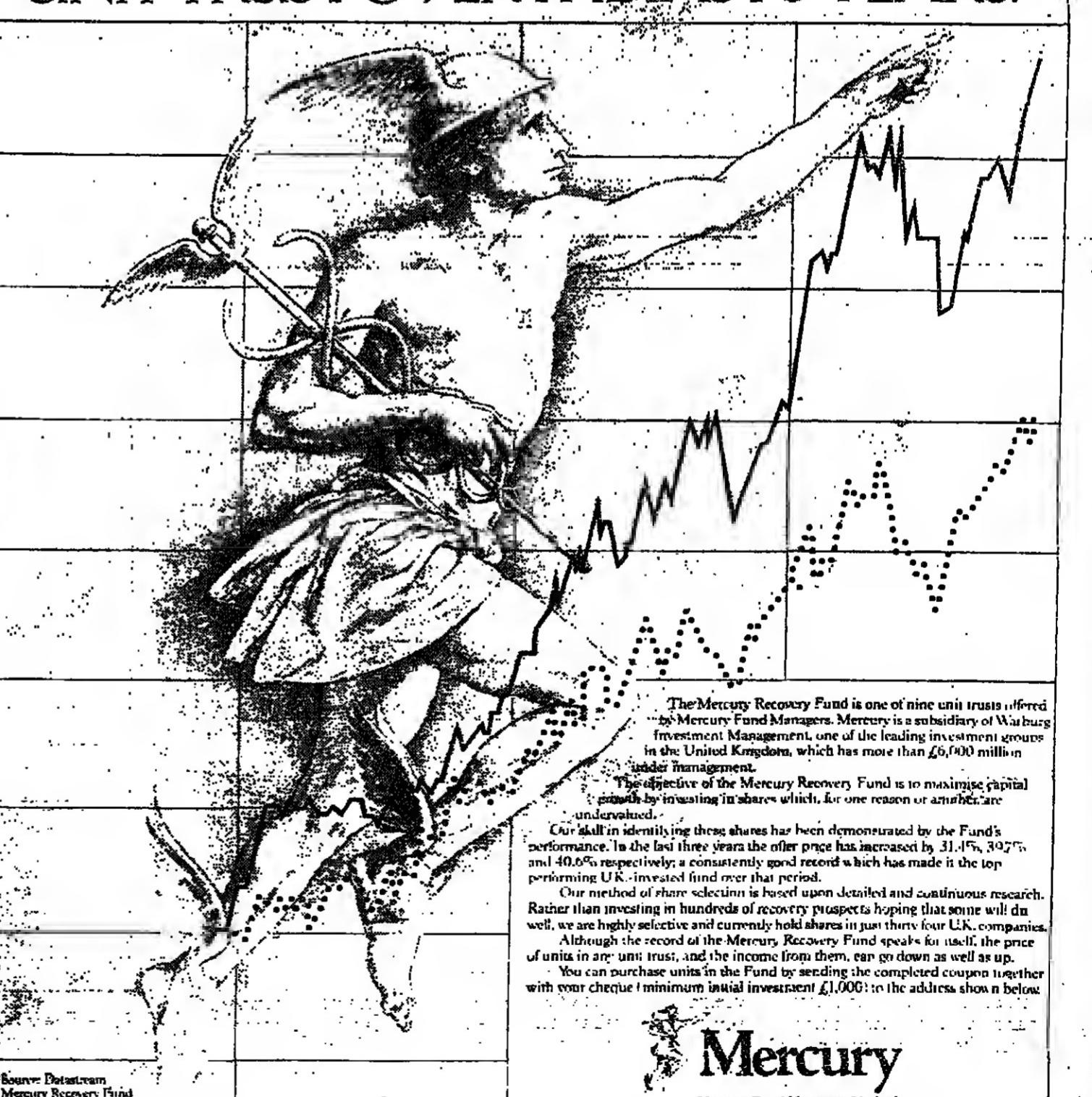
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## TAXMEN IN THE BANK

APRIL 1985 will see the introduction of the new system of taxing bank interest by deduction. The changes will mean that there will be some important knock-on tax consequences for the last two years as well. The situation presents investors with both opportunities and pitfalls.

Up until now, bank interest has been paid gross to investors and the tax on it has been charged on a preceding year basis. In other words, your income tax for bank interest received in 1981-2 would have been assessed in the 1982-83 tax year. 1982-83 tax rates will have applied and the tax would normally have been payable on January 1, 1982.

There are special rules to cover the first three years when you have deposit interest and also the last two years. The basic "closing year" rules provide that in the last-but-one year, you will either pay tax on the actual interest you received in the year or on the amount you received in the previous year if that is more. In the final year itself, the tax is based on the actual level of income received.

In most cases, it is fairly clear whether a source of deposit interest has closed or not. The facts speak for themselves. But in some cases, the position is not cut and dried. For example, the Revenue quite often ignore the closing and opening of specific accounts unless all accounts open and close more or less simultaneously.

In contrast, if you substantially increase or reduce the amount of your deposit interest in a particular year without actually opening or closing your

panics and charities are not included in the scheme.

The other significant change that has received substantial publicity is that tax will no longer be chargeable on the previous year basis. Interest received in 1983-84 will be taxed in 1984-85 on the basic rate—and, if it applies, for the higher rates.

Basically, bank deposit accounts held by individuals will come into the scheme. Individuals who want to avoid the new net interest scheme will still be able to invest into the National Savings bank or they could even put their money abroad in foreign banks or institutions.

There are special rules to cover the change over at the end of this tax year. The rules cover all bank accounts that change over to the new composite rate system at the end of the tax year. These sources will be regarded as if they had ceased on April 5, 1985.

However, the normal closing year rules about ceasing have been suspended and the taxman should not tax interest received

INTEREST on local authority loans is paid after deduction of tax at the basic rate, though it can then be reclaimed by the non-taxpayer; after April 1986, however, all individuals who have bought these investments after November 19, 1984 will suffer the deduction of composite rate tax at source, with no possibility for non-taxpayers to reclaim the tax paid on their behalf.

**FRIENDLY** society contracts have been restricted to £750 assured since the Budget. Fleet Friendly Society has come up with a £1,500 scheme with half the £200 annual premium going into a tax-efficient friendly contract and half into an ordinary life policy. Half the sum will be invested in Framlington's Convertible & Gilt and its International Growth unit trusts.

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## DURABLES INDEX

NOVEMBER'S durable goods index rose 3.58% a rise on November 1983. Household contents policies due to be renewed this month should have the same increased interest by about £2.60 per £100 of cover.

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## FAMILY MONEY-GO-ROUND



### DON'T TRIP UP ON A BUY-OUT

THE pensions industry is getting excited about R-Day and A-Day, the next January 1: R-Day is still unannounced, but likely to be in the spring or summer.

For company employees, R-Day is the one that really counts. This is the date from which rights accrued under their present company pension scheme will be revalued (by a limited amount) if they subsequently leave the company.

This partial thawing of the "frozen" pension problem is one of the recommendations of the Fowler committee which is set to become law in 1985. A-Day is also welcome and long-anticipated change, but it's not one that's going to set the frozen pension totally alight.

Employees who have spent some time with their current employer, and who leave in the next year or two, could be disappointed by the very limited effect of the change: pension rights accrued before R-Day will remain as resolutely frozen as ever.

Secondly, the obligation to revalue is limited to 3 p.c. a year or the inflation rate, whichever is the less.

It is in this context that the buy-out bond has been flourishing. The bond, more prosaically known as a "Section 32 contract" (after the 1981 Finance Act), is an insurance company product that has been attracting thousands of "early

leavers" and millions of pounds in the last year or two, as people have become aware of how damaging a "frozen" pension can be to their eventual retirement income.

The buy-out bond appears to be a simple answer and one which could suit both the employee's old company and the employee himself.

The company (or rather, its pension scheme) can get short of the liability to its former employee who might otherwise be stretching anything up to 40 years into the future, while the employee can look forward to an increased pension value in an insurance company's pension fund.

There is a third alternative that of transferring the value of the preserved pension to the employee's new company: assuming, that is, that he has another job to go to and is not simply being made redundant. But the problem here is that

the new company's pension scheme may not offer a particularly good deal.

Once again, the buy-out bond can score—in theory, at least. It will often work in practice as well, but there are growing doubts being expressed about the way a Section 32 contract can be presented to an employee in this situation, which bodies ill for the time when all employees could be faced with the decision of remaining in their company pension scheme or going it alone with a personal portable pension.

There are three major areas of possible confusion and uncertainty which make it difficult for employees to reach a sensible decision.

The first concerns the "frozen" pension. Most companies at present do not revalue preserved pension benefits at all, and the pension paid at retirement may also be fixed. However, a sizeable minority of schemes offer uplifts in both

cases: generally on an ex-gratia basis rather than as a right.

Around three-quarters of private pension schemes have in fact increased the pension paid after retirement to some extent, and almost a third increase "frozen" pension rights of early leavers.

Obviously, the employee must make sure that the quotation he receives from a buy-out company takes account (where possible) of both these aspects so that he can compare "like with like." If the buy-out route is simply quoting a fixed pension at retirement, it could well appear to be a much better deal on paper than the starting pension will be considerably higher.

Secondly, there is the question of a widow's or widower's pension: again, if the buy-out quotation is on the basis of a single life pension at retirement, it will appear that much greater.

In the table, we show the sort of difference these factors can make. According to John Lowe of London Life, who produced these figures, it is essential that "matching calculations are produced: otherwise the employee could be making a decision based on the wrong premises, and taking a greater risk with his pension than he is aware of."

This brings us to the third area of uncertainty: the vexed question of investment performance and the basis on which such quotations are provided.

Diana Wright

#### Quotation for a 'buy-out' bond

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Assuming 5% a year increase in pension

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### SAVING A BOB OR TWO ON THE DRINKS

SHOPPING around will certainly save money when buying Christmas spirits this year. But you may have to move fast because supplies are being cut off from shops offering whisky, gin and sherry at less than cost price.

Many supermarkets and cash-and-carry outlets select one or two popular items which they sell at rock-bottom prices to attract customers who then spend heavily on other lines, on which there is a good profit.

Leading distillers have become exasperated by the practice, fearing that cheapening the price to unrealistic levels will also cheapen the image of the product and ultimately bring a decline in demand.

So this year they warned wholesale buyers that supplies would be halted if the retail price was too cheap. But by that time some stores were already printing leaflets promising bargain prices until the end of the year.

The outcome is that Distillers Company, for instance, has

stopped deliveries of Gordon's gin to both Asda and International Stores, both of which were selling it at 25% below cost price.

Supplies of Johnnie Walker Red Label whisky were stopped to the Nurdin & Peacock cash-and-carry business and deliveries of Claymore whisky were halted to part of the Landmark cash-and-carry concern, both of which supply smaller retail outlets.

International Distillers & Vintners stopped supplies of Croft Original sherry to Landmark. Seagram has also had problems with price-cutting affecting White Saffron gin.

It must be remembered that tax on a standard bottle of



Scotch may well be £5.55 or more when value added tax is applied on top of the price.

Suppliers cannot, of course, fix the retail selling price. They can ban deliveries only when a buyer sells a product on at below cost price.

Whether the price-cutters will run out of supplies only partly depends on the size of stocks they already hold. There is always the possibility that another wholesaler, buying at normal prices, will secretly pass on extra stocks for a profit.

John Petty

#### SOME EXAMPLES OF HOW PRICES VARY

	Bell's whisky	Gordon's gin	Beaufort rum	Smirnoff vodka	Clairette Blanche	Malibu liqueur
ASDA	£7.38	£6.59	£7.28	£6.55	£2.28	£5.98
Waitrose	£7.45	£6.95	£7.65	£6.85	£2.49	£6.35
Oddbins	£7.49	£6.79	£7.69	£6.95	£2.49	£6.39
Selfridges	£7.49	£6.89	£7.59	£6.99	£2.49	£6.35
Victoria Wine	£7.59	£6.69	£7.79	£6.69	£2.59	£6.99
Treshers	£7.59	£7.15	£7.79	£6.79	£2.55	£6.19

## WINE AS AN INVESTMENT

CLASSIC wines have their own equivalent of the Football League. In 1855 the Medoc wines of the Bordeaux area were graded according to the prices fetched at auction. The gradations are known as "growths", and a wine in any of the four growths is a "grand vin" which should be both delicious and a good investment.

The French are serious almost to the point of mania about their wine, and the growth classifications are treated with particular gravity. Despite much grumbling about the old categories not reflecting atmospheric and soil conditions there has been only one major change, when Mouton Rothschild was elevated from the second division to the first in 1973.

The promotion of this lusty red was matched for publicity only by the occasion Manchester United won back their place in the first division two years later, a 16 per cent increase in last year. Of course, the vast majority of it all is pleasant, unexceptional stuff which is good to drink but will not per-

form well as an appreciating investment.

The two principal wines which double up as investments are the top Bordeaux from the handful of important vineyards, and Port. Merchants are wary of Burgundies, because quantities produced can be very few and they may find themselves paying high prices for a wine of relatively poor quality.

For example, a poor spring and variable autumn this year have caused millerandage, a failure of the grapes to swell, which has reduced the yield per hectare. The price of the 1984 vintage has remained firm, simply because of scarcity value, yet from the compassions viewpoint the wines are a disappointment.

The tension between the interest of the profit-taker and the drinker underpins the business of investing in wine. The profit-taker who is not happy to drink the occasional glass should not bother. Nor should the drinker swig down cases at hundreds of pounds a time unless he or she has other assets which make a little space for self-indulgence.

For those interested primarily in financial returns, the capital growth can be spectacular. Château Beychevelle, a fourth growth St Julien, rose from auction price of £9.95 per bottle in autumn of 1982 to £13.25 per bottle two years later, an increase of 32 p.c. Château Palmer, a third growth Margaux, has increased its sale value by 65.70 p.c. over the same period.

In the longer term, a case of 1961 Château Latour would now sell at approximately £2,500 at auction. The same case would have cost between £24 and £36 some 20 years ago.

How to invest? Most merchants have a wine investment plan where subscribers pay a regular monthly sum and a certain amount will be built up for them with a view to both capital growth and consumption. Lloyd's Life runs an investment plan in association with wine merchants Lay & Wheeler, in which half the investor's money goes into a ten year life plan with assurance cover and a tax-free sum at the end.

The other half is invested straight into wine by Lay & Wheeler. The ability of premium life on life assurance contracts has made this plan less attractive, and the emphasis is now on straight investment in wine itself.

Investing in wine with a merchant entails expenditure in two respects by the investor. The first bill they must pay is when the merchants purchase wine "en primeur" in the casks at auction. This is an expert job best left to the professionals.

The investors owns the wine when he has paid for it, but it will still be in the casks in Bordeaux. He or she will be able to see it after the second instalment is paid, perhaps as much as two or three years after purchase, when the wine is bottled and imported into the UK.

This portion of cash is spent on the irritating incidents of

getting the bottles into the merchant's cellar—carriage, import duty, and appropriately enough, VAT.

Tim Ferguson, of Lay & Wheeler, describes his firm's monthly plan as "a merchant with over 500 clients subscribing between £15 and £300 per month. He enthuses about monthly payment as a way of investing in wine, but stresses that treating it purely as an investment will tend to inflate prices artificially and may lead to investor dissatisfaction."

He believes that an investor must be happy to drink his wine if prices fall, as they sometimes do. "I wouldn't want a garage full of cocaine for example, but I'd be happy with one full of wine which I could share and appreciate," he says.

It seems clear that wine is an investment of a special sort, with two types of benefit if an investor actually enjoys drinking it. It is not a financial terms always a certain investment for those committed to the "hobby" to stay committed to it. Nor is vintage dessert wine simply an opportunity for making money. It should sometimes be savoured with the Stilton.

Wine, say the experts, is ultimately for drinking, especially over the festive season.

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4,120	George Blaikie	5.0 - 1.2	14.0 - 6.7
1,218	Ind. Precision Castings	3.0 - 2.7	8.2 - 2.9
15,203	Iosis Group	2.0 - 1.1	15.0 - 7.5
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Davis Cup Final

## McENROE FIGHT FOR FITNESS MAY BE KEY

By JOHN PARSONS in Gothenburg

THE United States, who have won all five of the earlier meetings between the two nations, are bound to start favourites, albeit slightly, when the Davis Cup final against Sweden begins in Gothenburg tomorrow.

Yet there are so many intriguing imponderables about what the American captain, Arthur Ashe, calls "the most exciting-looking final since 1954" that it is equally easy to understand why Swedish optimism, supported by the bookmakers, is so high.

More than 400 journalists from many parts of the world will be gathering in Sweden's second city and almost all the 13,000 seats for each of the three sessions have already been sold.

Even while simply watching the players take their turn in practising in the almost empty Scandinavium yesterday afternoon, one could sense the intense atmosphere which is beginning to grip all concerned.

While the Swedish players looked relaxed and eager in the similarly confident appearance which the Americans were conveying most of the question marks certainly surround the visitors.

There is, for instance, the issue of John McEnroe's fitness. The world champion has been hitting the ball superbly but he has not played competitively, save through suspension and during the injury since his troubles in the Stockholm Open six weeks ago.

This lay-off, coupled with the fact that he needs heat treatment before he goes on court each time and then has his arm between wrist and elbow encased in ice when he has finished, demonstrates that these are more than just match pressures on him.

McEnroe 2-0 up

Providing he does not lose his self-control again, McEnroe, who must be regarded as the Americans' potential trump card, is unlikely to be provoked into another outburst or his tantrums in Stockholm. The Swedes, however, partisans, are surely too polite for that.

The draw, at lunchtime today, could be crucial. Sweden, one expects, would like nothing better than to see Jimmy Connors

make to play the opening singles rubber against Mats Wilander, who has just returned from the Australian Open title.

Wilander has won both his previous contests with Connors and success again would not only preserve what could be the key clash, Wilander v. McEnroe, until the final day but also intensify the significance of Mats' doubles.

In this, Anders Jarryd and Stefa Edberg seek to repeat their United States Open victory over McEnroe and Peter Fleming.

For Connors, who made his Davis Cup debut in 1974, this is only the third year in which he has played for his country. He is determined to add a winning Davis Cup final memoir to his many other awards before retiring.

Yet his confidence in play has always been suspect. Ashe knows well that Connors is likely to win at least his singles against Henrik Sundstrom, whose selection was confirmed yesterday, if everything is as it was in 1983. The Americans just as it did in the epic challenge round 50 years ago when they went to Sydney and beat the mighty Australians 3-2.

6-hour marathon

There is no doubt that the United States and Sweden are the world's best tennis nations. No less than five of the top seven are representing them in this competition, now sponsored by N.E.C.

McEnroe has never played Stockholm but is 33 with Wilander, whom he first met in 1982 and won the fifth set after four hours 32 minutes.

His Davis Cup record is magnificent, with a winning singles record of 34-5 plus 15-0 in doubles. It is McEnroe's fifth Davis Cup final and in the previous four he has been unbeaten in singles and doubles.

Chris Young, the British champion, is the favourite to win the North of England title and he is the only rider to have beaten Douce this year. This race promises to be the most interesting of the five area championships.

Douce is approaching the Christmas period in excellent form, and the southern race is also as preparation for the British and world championships in February.

Young will have a more difficult battle to hold off two youngsters Robert Dane and the improving Steve Barnes, the defending champion, at Timperley.

Simon Burney (Bridgwater-B.W.C.) surprised last year when he won the Midland title, but an injury which kept him out of last week's National Trophy road could also affect his performance at the Moor Abbey Stadium, Halesowen.

Developing young Lincolnshire Premier, Steve Barron, Stuart Marshall and Dave Booth travel to Rochford, Essex, for the Eastern Championship.

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By JOHN MASON

**T**HE Australians went shopping in Cardiff yesterday. The Barbarians trained hard, seeking, as ever on these occasions, to iron out some of the more obvious difficulties that confront a scratch team.

Jerome Gallion's knowledge of basic English improved considerably during the session, mostly under the tutelage of Mike Watkins, always an inspiring soul and rarely short of a word.

The language tuition—"a fraction repetitive and nothing too advanced," said Huw Davies—was less the ever-generous Watkins branding Frenchman Gallion's knowledge but more a case for survival. Gallion is the scrum-half, Watkins is the booker.

The seemingly limitless understanding that has grown up to the past 10 weeks on the rugby pitches of Britain and Ireland have been a prime factor in the major successes of the Australians. The revisions to today's side will weaken neither resolve nor teamwork.

It is interesting to speculate that if the Wallabies in the final of an 18-act epic production were peopled in as the likely international team before, as it were, a shot had been fired. Alan Jones, the coach, said as much before leaving home.

**Odd man out**

Only Mike Hawker, on the right wing today, is out of place. These duties have been brought about, in part, by the injury to Brendan Moon, which meant that David Campese had to slot in quickly and effectively on the left-wing.

Otherwise, though, the selection of Cox, scrum-half, Roche, Hartshorn, and the rest of No. 8 against the Barbarians is precisely in line with the thoughts of Jones—the coach relative to the August series against New Zealand and the preparations for this tour.

There was also room for Stan Pilecki in the scrum, because Jones was insistent that he had stability in the tight. In addition to his own scrum-half position, once here, Jones had to adjust his plans, and today he says "thank you" to those he had to leave out.

Yesterday, Jones, decided that the Australians were richly entitled to the day off, though it has been his custom not to make too many demands on his men of a match. "We've got the game close to the bell," he says, "more hard work means you've got your sums wrong."

Above all, the Australians have

## The line-up BARBARIANS

13—S. Place (Barbarian)  
13—S. Williams (Wales)  
13—E. Ackerman (London Welsh)  
13—H. Muilla (Dublin Univ.)  
13—D. Hartshorn (Lancaster)  
13—S. Cox (capt.)  
9—J. Gallion (Tourist)  
1—P. Dray (Old Wesley)  
1—M. Hawker (Newport)  
1—O. Lushan (Cork Cor.)  
1—K. Norster (Cardiff)  
1—G. Roche (London Welsh)  
1—G. Bevan (Nottingham)  
1—W. Anderson (Bungayman)  
REPLACEMENTS: 16—M. Wyllie (Swindon)  
17—D. Bell (Wales)  
18—S. Brady (Queen's Uni.)  
Bellard; 19—J. Whitefoot (Cardiff)  
20—W. James (Aberavon)  
21—J. Jones (Ketton)

## AUSTRALIA

13—R. Gould (Queensland)  
14—M. Hawker (NSW)  
14—D. Campese (capt.)  
14—H. Muilla (NSW)  
14—S. Pilecki (Queensland)  
15—T. Lawton (Queensland)  
15—A. McIntyre (Queensland)  
15—D. Jones (NSW)  
15—S. Cooper (NSW)  
15—S. Pilecki (NSW)  
15—K. Reynolds (NSW)  
REPLACEMENTS: 16—E. Rodriguez (NSW); 17—W. Campbell (Queensland); 18—B. Kuyman (NSW); 19—N. Price-Jones (NSW); 20—Black (NSW); 21—P. Grigg (Queensland).  
REPEREE: Hourquet (France).

sought an athleticism within their ranks first and last, allowing for the exaggeration, however grafted on to the superior physique later. The basic skills had been acquired far earlier.

Yet for all the organisation, motivation and application, the spark, I believe, has come from Mark Ella, intent on making his big appearance a major match this afternoon. Some 15,000 still doubt the extent of his quality. Such blundered shortsightedness is sad.

Concern over hard cash, too, in Glasgow and Delhi. In snce, COLIN MALAM pinpoints further financial punishments awaiting Celtic in Europe. In cricket, TONY LEWIS puts India's missing rupees down to Test overkill and television.

Gareth Davies has become the Barbarians' captain in succession to Andrew Cox.

The Barbarians are likely to decide that their cause would be best served by running the ball wide, guard against the deep counter-attack and develop pressure. Their American coach, already clinched, do not fancy mind too much.

Serge Blanco, declare my informant, was looking particularly sharp in training. Should he only touch upon his sparkling form of the President's match at Twickenham, West Seneff, a 60,000-strong crowd and the sponsors, Wang will purr happily.

The Barbarians, not totally through gritted teeth, grin and bear jokes about way out only Blanco and Gallion are present. Who is asked so facetiously, the other 15 Frenchmen not available?

Bearing in mind what the Australians have accomplished, warts and all, since mid-October and the attitudes usually associated with the Barbarians, this afternoon's game has a better chance than most of being an end-of-term bonanza.

Sometimes, I like to think, hope does not exceed fulfillment.

Mark Ella . . . his quality must be beyond doubt.

## WEEKEND RUGBY UNION & LEAGUE PROGRAMME

(Kick off 2.15 unless stated)

**TOUR MATCH** Bedford v. Morley (3) Birkethwaite Pk v. L. Scottish (3)

Bristol v. Leicester (3) Broughton Pk v. Wrexham (2.30)

Bath v. Gloucester (3) Gloucester v. Coventry (3)

Gosforth v. Nottingham Harlequins v. Hartlepool (3)

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Harrow v. F. G. Glasgow A. (2)

## TELEVISION—SATURDAY

BBC-1

8.30 a.m. *The Perishers*, rpt. 8.35 *The Littlest Hobo*, rpt. 9.30 *Superstore*. 12.12 *Weather*.

12.15 **GRANDSTAND**—Including Football Focus at 12.20; Racing from Ascot for the 12.50, 1.20 and 1.55 races; News at 1; Boxing from Wembley last night, at 1.5; Skiing from Val Gardena at 1.30; Rugby Union, The Barbarians v The Australians, from Cardiff at 2.10; Half-times at 3.50; Show Jumping from Olympia at 3.55; Cross Country from Ipswich at 4.15; Final Score at 4.40.

**NEWS, WEATHER**; at 5.15 Sport/Regional News.5.20 **SUPERDANCE** 84—A Disco Special. Gary Davies introduces solo dancers and teams competing for this year's championships at Hammersmith Palais.5.55 **THE NOEL EDMONDS LATE LATE BREAKFAST SHOW**—With a magic and mystery theme.6.45 **"CARRY ON, DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD"** (1967)—Not much equality, a little fraternity and a good deal of liberty in this French Revolution farce, vaguely reminiscent of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. The Weather.

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9.05 **WOGAN**—Terry Wogan with guests.9.55 **NEWS, SPORT AND WEATHER**.10.10 **MATCH OF THE DAY SPECIAL**—Which means that it's not all Match of the Day. With highlights from two First Division games we also have Show Jumping, the Prissance from Olympia,11.50 **\* "ULZANA'S RAID"** (1972)—Bloodthirsty Indians v Cavalry. Western with Kurt Loder as ad leader, scut and Bruce Davison as that familiar inexperienced but idealistic lieutenant out to catch up with a murdering and raping Apache band. No nonsense here, the Indians are the baddies which led some critics to dismiss it as not just violently unpleasant but even worse, reactionary.
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## TELEVISION—SUNDAY

GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

## BBC-1

9.35 a.m. Heads and Tales, rpt. 9.35 *People First: A Home of One's Own*, rpt. 9.35 *Making the Most of the Micro: At the End of the Line*. Last of the repeats. 10 Asian Magazine. 10.30 Languages for Life. *Lingua per la Vita*, Italian version. 10.35 Sunday Worship at the Knobbed Church, Belfast. 11.40 See Hear! Christians. 12.35 Farming: Weather. 12.55 Magis Roundabout. 1.15 *The Week Next Week*, with David Dimbleby. 1.30 *The Music Quiz*. 2.25 "Up in the World" (1956, b/w); or up the ladder, with wind-up clown Norman Wisdom, who becomes friendly with a wealthy boy who is about to be kidnapped. 3.35 Show Jumping from Olympia. 5.10 *The Dukes of Hazard*: Targets, Blazing and Lulu.

5.00 **THE PRISONER OF ZENDA**—Episode five of six (Ceefax sub-titles).

6.30 **NEWS, WEATHER**.

6.40 **SONGS OF PRAISE**—Christmas Is Coming. With several hundred children and students gathered in

Manchester Cathedral to sing carols and be interviewed by Paul McDowell (Ceefax sub-titles).

7.15 **SPORTS REVIEW OF 1984**—Presentation of Sports Personality of the Year. From the BBC Television Centre before over 400 sports-persons, the gala evening for the sports department. Will it be Sebastian Coe, or Torvill and Dean? All your favourite commentators: Messrs. Lyman, Carpenter, Coleman and Hill.

8.50 **TENCO**—Teach and last episode. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

9.45 **NEWS, WEATHER**.

10.00 **PERRY COMO'S CHRISTMAS IN PARIS**—Repeat with Angie Dickinson and Lila Renard.

10.50 **EVERYMAN**—Render unto Caesar. The Nazis, so far this week, passed the Coopspiracy Law, their first ever organised Christianity-bashing gathering outside church. Peter Thiede, director of Carter Peter Thiede, recalling well-known cases of Christian resistance and examining the response of Christian writers and poets. 11.30 *Weather*.

## BBC-2

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Open University. 1.35 Horizon: A Mathematical Mystery Tour, rpt. 2.45 World Chess Championship: Anatoly Karpov v Gary Kasparov. 3.15 George Orwell. 1984. Last of these Arena repeats. 4.5 Music from St. George's. The Bochmann Quartet is string quartet by Haydn and Britten. 5.15 Bristol; 5.30 Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers: Primulas. 5.35 Ski Sunday: Men's Downhill from Val Gardena.

6.00 **NEWS REVIEW**.

6.30 **THE MONEY PROGRAMME**—Including Travelling Hopefully, prospects for package holidays next season; and Simulating Sales, ground training for airline pilots, a big export industry.

7.15 **SONG OF CHRISTMAS**—Richard Stilgoe introducing music from Chichester Festival Theatre by the Band of the Royal Marines, the Cambridge

Buskers, Chichester Cathedral Choir and Christ's Hospital Junior Choir.

7.55 **\* THE NATURAL WORLD**—Land of Ice and Fire. Back we go to Yellowstone, America's oldest national park, here wearing its winter face when few visitors are around. Filmed over five winters, a "crystal-coated wilderness".

8.45 **DO YOU SEE . . . ?** Marshall McLuhan: The Man and his Message. Not the usual TV review but Lucifer himself, introducing a tribute to "the guru of the electronic age".

9.30 **DEAR LADIES**—Oh Mr. Mayor. Hinge and Bracket comedy.

10.00 **11.45+ SLETHER** (1974). Car-chase road film, crossing California in the usual comedy-driller style, though better than most, and even better with another star. James Caan as a car-thief, only just out of prison but already caught up in a frantic hunt for hidden loot. With Peter Boyle, Sally Kellerman and Allen Garfield.

famous detectives, James Coco (Belgian), Peter Falk (American), Elsa Lanchester (British), Peter Sellers (Oriental) and the couple David Niven and Maggie Smith, in "dinner and murder". Alec Guinness is also there in the sinister house. (Oracle sub-titles.)

9.30 **NEWS**.

9.45 **A KIND OF ALASKA**—The short Harold Pinter play which was staged in London ten years ago as one of a trio, *Other Places*, with Dorothy Tutin now as the 45-year-old woman coming out of sleep sickness after 29 years and Paul Scofield as her doctor. A terrible situation but the first 30 minutes pass very slowly, the woman's lines spattered with eccentric obscurities. Emotionally concentrated, thinking by numbers, the dialogue is painfully eased over gradually, the patient and less about the doctor. (Oracle sub-titles.)

10.55 **SOUTH OF WATFORD**—Colin McInnes and his view of London in the 1950s. "Absolute Beginners".

11.25 **SNOOKER**—World Doubles Championship Final, highlights. Preceded by London News Headlines.

12.30 **NIGHT THOUGHTS**—With Moshe Davis.

## ITV London Weekend

9.35 a.m. *Good Morning Britain*, with Thought for a Sunday and 1.45 *Rub-a-Dub-Tub*. 9.25 *Cartoon Time*. 9.35 *The Weather* for Sturminster Newton. 9.45 *Cartoon Time*. 10.00 *Morning Worship* from Mansfield Street, Bishop's Stortford. 10.30 *Caravan* and *Country Adventures*. 12.30 *Weekend World*, with Brian Walden. 1.15 *Police Five*. 1.15 *The Big Match*: highlights from two First Division games, and hoping for a break from Liverpool and the Human Factor: God Knows Where the Action is—two people walking in the vicars' bags. Last in the present series. 2.30 *The Smurfs* (repeated by London News Headlines). 2.45 *Happy Days*. 3.15 *Snooker*: World Doubles Championship final from Northampton. 4.20 *Terrahawks*. 5.15 *Bulseys*. 5.30 *Sunday Sunday*, with Anthony Hopkins, Willie Rushton, Larry Grayson, Christopher Timothy.

5.30 **NEWS**.

6.40 **APPEAL**.

6.45 **HIGHWAY**—Harry Secombe visiting the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh.

7.15 **CHILD'S PLAY**—Presented by Michael Aspel.

7.45 **+ MURDER BY DEATH** (1976)—Polished spoof, though too elaborately plotted comedy in which Truman Capote, as an eccentric recluse, invites five

to dinner. (Oracle sub-titles.)

10.55 **SOUTH OF WATFORD**—Colin McInnes and his view of London in the 1950s. "Absolute Beginners".

11.25 **SNOOKER**—World Doubles Championship Final, highlights. Preceded by London News Headlines.

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## Channel 4

12 Tennis: *Davis Cup Final*: Sweden v U.S.A., from Gothenburg. 2.25 "A Home of Your Own" (1984, b/w); comedy without words, with Richard Briers and Bridget Armstrong as a young couple who have three children by the time they decide to settle on a new estate. Featured muggers include Robbie Rotten, Pauline Quirke, Fred Enney and Peter Butterworth. 4.15 *British Council: Home Culture Will Travel*. Gavin Scott with a documentary on the body which has £170 million of taxpayers' money each year and is now 50 years old. 4.15 *Book Four*: Hormones with Geoffrey Grigson. 4.45 *Ken Arnim Armstrong: Varieties of Religious Experience*: Sister Frances Sleegers, a Dutch nun. 5.30 *News and Weather*. 5.35 *The Business Programme*.

6.00 **AMERICAN FOOTBALL**—Washington Redskins v Dallas Cowboys, plus other news.

7.15 **THE DISMISSAL**—Sixth and final episode of the Australian series on the dismissal of Gough Whitlam's Labour Government in 1975.

8.15 **+ SOUTH SEAS VOYAGE**—Copper, Cobra and Vanuatu. This last of the series visits that favourite TV site, Papua New Guinea. An atmospheric film on Tikopia last week, though not much travelogue, not quite enough basic facts, from Krov and Ann Menzibin.

9.15 **PEOPLE TO PEOPLE**—City General. An introduction to a six-part series, scheduled for February, about Stoke City General Hospital. Staff and patients with memories and experiences.

9.45 **SNOOKER**—World Doubles Championship. Final from Northampton.

11.00 **12.25+ HE WALKED BY NIGHT** (1948, b/w)—Documentary-style murder hunt with Richard Basehart excellent as the thief who kills a traffic policeman in Los Angeles and is sought by Scott Brady and James Cardwell. One of those crime films with the stern voice of a narrator, much copied later.

\*\* Outstanding. \* Recommended.

12 noon **THE DAISY CUP**: Sweden v U.S.A. 2.10 *The Living Body*. 3.10 *The World*. 4.15 *TV History: The Americas before the Europeans*. 5.25 *Basketball*: The Kellogg Cup. 6.15 *Highlife Favour*—a celebration of Welsh drama and English plays. 6.30 *The ANCIENT MARINER*. 7.00 **GETTING ON**.

12.30 **HARPSICHORD**: Builder.

12.45 **WEEKEND**.

1.00 **WILDLIFE**.

1.30 **WEST COUNTRY FARMING**.

2.00 **THE HUMAN FACTOR**.

2.30 **THE BIG MATCH**.

12.30 **THE CHRISTMAS PEOPLE**.

## ITV REGIONS

## TVS

6.35 **Good Morning**, with 17.45 *Rub-a-dub-dub*. 9.25 *Action Line*. 9.30 *Atom Ant*. 10.00 *Morning Worship*: L. 10.30 *Weekend World*. 11.00 *Getting On*. 11.30 *Fascinating Thailand*. 12.00 *World Cup*. 12.30 *Human Factor*. 1.00 *Operation Raleigh*—the Prince of Wales talks to three of the young participants about their selection test, for their chosen project.

1.30 *Hardcastle & McCormick*.

2.00 *The Big Match*: L.

2.30 *Snooker*: Final of the World Doubles Championship.

3.00 *Murder*: Mystery, Suspense — "Murder By Death" (1976 film): Truman Capote, Alec Guinness, Peter Falk.

3.30 *Harold Pinter's "A Kind of Alaska"*: Dorothy Tutin and Paul Scofield.

4.00 *Beyond the Big Leaf*: The Naturalist Movement.

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